

## Paul Walker-Bright

Counsel | Litigation & Disputes

### OVERVIEW

Paul is counsel in the Litigation & Disputes practice group. He concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation and insurance recovery for policyholders. Paul has obtained multimillion-dollar recoveries on behalf of clients under a variety of insurance policies, including general liability, first-party property, professional liability, and directors & officers insurance.

Paul is ranked in *Chambers USA* in the field of Insurance: Dispute Resolution and is a member of the American College of Coverage Counsel. He has represented companies from numerous industry sectors, including public utilities, oil, financial, transportation, retail and industrial manufacturing, and his clients have ranged in size from Fortune 100 corporations to single-owner businesses. He has also counseled clients with respect to their insurance policy coverage and handled litigation involving environmental liability, toxic torts and commercial disputes. Clients appreciate that he customizes his approach to meet their needs, always being mindful of cost sensitivities and time considerations. Paul also has represented clients in pro bono matters such as immigration asylum cases and wrongful conviction claims.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Representative Matters:

- Represents international quick service food retailer in lawsuit seeking coverage for claims by restaurant workers alleging retailer and its franchisees did not take adequate precautions to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at restaurants; court ruled



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### EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 1994)

University of Chicago (B.A., 1990)

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### ADMISSIONS

Illinois

franchisees' insurer had duty to defend retailer and franchisees in case that presented a matter of first impression in the jurisdiction.

- Represents international luxury hotel management company regarding coverage for business interruption losses caused by global pandemic, the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus on hotel properties, and associated government orders.
- Represents and counsels clients in a wide variety of industries regarding coverage for lawsuits filed under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act by employees and others.

## RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, recommended in "Insurance: Dispute Resolution" since 2022
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* 2007–2017 as a leading lawyer in Insurance Recovery.
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, recommended in "Insurance Law" since 2023

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

### March 7, 2025 Event

NGE Attends the 2025 ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar

### August 15, 2024 Firm News

60 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2025 *Best Lawyers In America*

### June 6, 2024 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures Nine Ranked Practice Groups and 23 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2024

### August 17, 2023 Firm News

55 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2024 *Best Lawyers In America*

### June 1, 2023 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 10 Ranked Practice Groups and 25 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2023

### 05.08.23 Event

Paul Walker-Bright and Angela Elbert Present at the American College of Coverage Counsel 11th Annual Meeting

### April 14, 2023 Publication

Paul Walker-Bright Quoted in *Law360 Insurance Authority* Article "Tech Co.'s Partial Win Opens Small BIPA Coverage Window"



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**01.10.23 In The Media**

Paul Walker-Bright Quoted in *Law360* Article "Biggest Cyber Coverage Decisions Of 2022"

**January 4, 2023 In The Media**

Paul Walker-Bright Quoted in *Law360* Article "Cyber Coverage Cases To Watch In 2023"

**October 20, 2022 In The Media**

Paul Walker-Bright Quoted in *Law360* on BIPA Exclusions

**August 18, 2022 Firm News**

60 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2023 *Best Lawyers*

**August 9, 2022 Firm News**

NGE Wins Insurance Coverage Victory for Client Sterigenics on Duty to Defend

**July 8, 2022 In The Media**

Paul Walker-Bright Quoted in *Bloomberg Law* Article on BIPA Exclusions

**June 1, 2022 Firm News**

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures 11 Ranked Practice Groups and 25 Recognized Attorneys in *Chambers USA* 2022

**04.22.22 Publication**

Six Rulings Reinforce BIPA Coverage for Illinois Policyholders

**March 29, 2022 Publication**

Client Alert: Recent Court Decisions Reinforce Coverage for BIPA Claims Under General Liability Policies

**December 2, 2021 In The Media**

Paul Walker-Bright Quoted in *Business Insurance* on Policyholders' Fight for COVID Cover

**September 21, 2021 Publication**

Is the Pendulum Swinging Back to Favor Policyholders for COVID-19 Business Interruption Losses?

**August 10, 2021 In The Media**

Paul Walker-Bright Quoted in *Business Insurance* on COVID-19 Business Interruption Coverage Disputes

**March 12, 2021 Video**

The Importance of Timely Reporting Occurrences, Claims and Suits to Insurers

**March 11, 2021 Firm News**

NGE Insurance Policyholder Group Shortlisted for *Chambers USA* Law Firm of the Year Award

**March 4, 2021 Event**

Covered or Not? An Interactive Look at Policy Interpretation "Tricks of the Trade"

**November 4, 2020 Publication**

Not So Fast – A Pennsylvania Court Opt's to Wait Until the Facts Are in Before Issuing a Coverage Ruling in a COVID-19 Business Interruption Case



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**October 22, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: North Carolina Restaurant Wins First Summary Judgment Decision on Business Interruption Coverage for COVID-19 Losses

**October 5, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: Policyholder Wins in Missouri and Florida Represent a Major Boon for Insureds Seeking COVID-19 Business Interruption Coverage

**August 28, 2020 Firm News**

Paul Walker-Bright Elected to the American College of Coverage Counsel

**August 6, 2020 Publication**

Getting Insurance Coverage for COVID-19 Business Interruption Claims: New Helpful Evidence and a Cautionary Tale

**July 6, 2020 Publication**

Illinois Insurance Considerations for Losses Caused by Riots

**June 11, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: Illinois Tells Insurers to “Err on the Side of the Policyholder” When Evaluating Insurance Claims Related to Vandalism, Riots and Civil Commotion

**June 5, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: Insurance Coverage for Losses Caused by Vandalism, Riots and Civil Commotion

**April 9, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: Revisionist Insurance History for Virus-Related Damage and Losses: Don't Believe the Insurance Industry's Assertion That the Coronavirus Can't Cause Physical Loss of or Damage to Property

**April 3, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: Maximizing D&O Insurance for Coronavirus Shareholder Claims

**March 25, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: COVID-19 Insurance Coverage Issues: An Update

**March 11, 2020 Event**

What Constitutes a “Claim” Under a Claims-Made Policy?

**March 11, 2020 Publication**

Client Alert: High Profile “Phishing” Incident Demonstrates Continued Need for “Social Engineering” Insurance

**November 15, 2019 Publication**

Bad Faith Damages Against Surplus Line Insurers Might Not Be Capped in Illinois

**September 30, 2019 Publication**

Seventh Circuit Holds Overbroad Breach of Contract Exclusion Renders E&O Coverage Illusory

**April 17, 2019 Publication**

Does Your D&O Policy Really Cover Government Investigations?



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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, American College of Coverage Counsel (ACCC)
- Co-chair, Property Insurance Law Subcommittee of ABA Insurance Coverage Committee