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Profile

Allen R. Wolff is a shareholder in Anderson Kill's New York office. Allen is Co-Chair of Anderson Kill's Construction Industry Practice Group as well as Co-Chair of the firm's Corporate and Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Allen is a thirty-year veteran of construction and insurance law, with a national practice handling construction defect claims.

Allen is a founding and Charter Member of the Construction Lawyers Society of America and a Senior Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America. Since 2012, he has been recognized by [Super Lawyers](#) for Insurance Coverage. He is also rated "AV®Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated," the top rating, by his peers as listed in Martindale Hubbell. Allen is a frequent writer and lecturer on construction law and insurance coverage issues.

Before becoming a lawyer, Allen was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army.



Memberships

Hawaii State Bar Association

Board of Directors, Greater NYC Councils, Boy Scouts of America

Law360 2020 Construction Editorial Advisory Board

Trial Law Institute

Diversity Law Institute

Personal

U.S. Army: Captain (1984-1989); Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve (Ret.) (1989-2009)

Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout, 1976; Order of the Arrow

Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers: Since 2026
- Super Lawyers: 2026
- Super Lawyers: 2012 - 2024
- Martindale Hubbell: AV®Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated (top rating)

Education

- Albany Law School, J.D.
- U.S. Army War College, M.S.
- Cornell University, B.A.
- Phillips Exeter Academy

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Hawaii
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of New York, Third Department
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Practice Areas

- Construction and Insurance Disputes
- Corporate and Commercial Litigation
- COVID Task Group
- Insurance Recovery

Industry Group

- Construction
- Restaurant, Retail and Hospitality

Experience

- Represented New York condominium developer regarding construction dispute and insurance coverage issues arising from work performed by contractor. Obtained favorable settlement and coverage for both defense and liability.
- Represented general contractor in large dispute with condominium association relating to multiple complex construction and engineering issues. Successfully mediated and settled case.
- Defended general contractor in suit brought by sub-contractors for wrongful termination of their contracts in construction project. Successfully demonstrated in trial, with help from expert witnesses, that subcontractor had not properly performed or managed contract nor met specifications. Verdict in client's favor.
- Represented New York shopping center developer on delay and change order claims involving construction of anchor store. Obtained significant arbitration award and financial recovery.
- Represented construction contractor in dispute with insurance company over additional insured coverage. Obtained coverage from subcontractor insurance.
- Represented luxury condominium developer in dispute with construction contractors regarding failure to follow project specifications and failure to meet project deadlines. Case involved significant liquidated damages concerns. Resulted in favorable settlement for client.
- Represented numerous designers and retailers relating to construction issues, tenant improvement, and build-out of store locations throughout the country. Assisted with review of contracts, advice during construction regarding work and payment issues, disputes following construction involving mechanics' liens and defects and insurance issues.
- Represented municipality in coverage dispute arising out of property damage suffered at public buildings. Obtained favorable settlement for client.
- Represented municipality in coverage dispute over Public Official's Liability. Resulted in favorable insurance recovery for client.
- Represented construction contractor in coverage dispute involving complex insurance policy and fronting coverage. Resulted in favorable settlement for client.
- Represented the owners and management of a luxury resort hotel in litigation, including a companion federal declaratory action relating to errors in the site work and soil compaction. Errors necessitated extensive repairs and rework to resort property. Settled out of court.
- Represented New York property developer in insurance coverage dispute. Obtained significant insurance recovery.

- Represented subcontractors as co-plaintiffs with U.S. Government in suit against general contractor for fraud arising out of contract work performed at Pearl Harbor. Case involved qui tam action and “whistleblower” issues. Successful recovery for client.
- Represented lender in large foreclosure matter arising out of stalled construction project in New York. Obtained judgment for more than \$20 million in favor of client and possession of property.
- Defended developer in construction litigation and arbitration relating to the engineering and construction of the festival marketplace at Aloha Tower. Presented evidence through expert and lay witnesses, contracts, drawings and engineering analyses relating to design and contractual issues.
- Represented client in international dispute over sales of goods relating to materials for construction of prefabricated homes. Obtained verdict in client's favor as to all claims after extended bench trial.

Speaking Engagements

The Construction and Insurance Conference

Anderson Kill / January 28, 2026

Paradise Scarred: 10 Insurance Lessons from the Tragedy on Maui

RIMS RISKWORLD 2024 / May 7, 2024

Maximizing Insurance Recovery for Liability and Defect Claims in Construction

Anderson Kill / November 28, 2023

Firearm Litigation: Obstacles, Potential Pathways, and Insurance Coverage

Perrin Conferences / October 25, 2023

INSURANCE COVERAGE ISSUES FOR POLICYHOLDERS INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION

2022 North American Construction Law Symposium IV / December 1, 2022

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND RISK MITIGATION: HOW TO MANAGE RISKS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION THROUGH CONTRACT DRAFTING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND INSURANCE

Strafford Publications / July 27, 2022

Insurance, Renovations & The Pandemic: What Your Policy Does (and Doesn't) Protect During COVID

The Cooperator New York, Sponsored by Mackoul Risk Solutions / July 30, 2020

Key Issues in Coop-Condo Insurance Coverage for COVID-19 Risks Webinar
June 10, 2020

Insurance Coverage for Losses Stemming from the Coronavirus
Anderson Kill / March 25, 2020

Chinese Tea, American Ships, British Merchants, Native American Disguises: Analyzing Insurance in the Case of the Boston Tea Party
2019 RIMS National Conference / April 30, 2019

Discussion of Most Frequent Claims and How to Prevent Them (2018 – AK)
Hospitality Law Conference / July 12, 2018

MOST FREQUENT HOSPITALITY CLAIMS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM
Hospitality Lawyer / April 12, 2018

Navigating Common Coverage Exclusions and Exceptions in CGL Policies
Hawaii State Bar Association / October 23, 2015

Discussion of Most Frequent Claims and How to Prevent Them (2015)
Hospitality Law Conference / February 8, 2015

Publications

Out With the Old: Time to Retire Outdated Construction Defects Insurance Law
New York Law Journal / February 3, 2026

NY Court Imposes Strict Construction on Additional Insureds in Construction
New York Law Journal / October 7, 2024

General Contractors and Construction Managers Can Get Insurance Coverage for Construction Defect Claims
Anderson Kill Construction Industry Alert / November 21, 2023

Consider Self-Help to Trigger Additional-Insured Status
Law360 / July 12, 2023

DEBUNKING INSURANCE COVERAGE MYTHS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Construction Industry Advisor / June 6, 2023

A Defective Precedent for “Defective Work” in Insurance Coverage

New York Law Journal / May 22, 2023

Lessons From The Surfside Condo Collapse One Year Later

Risk Management Magazine / June 30, 2022

Surfside Condo Collapse: A 360-Degree Insurance Coverage Analysis

Journal of Emerging Issues in Litigation / February 28, 2022

Transferring Risk With Contracts, Insurance Coverage And Sometimes, Litigation

New York Law Journal / December 10, 2021

ADDITIONAL INSURED COVERAGE COULD HELP TARGETS OF SCAFFOLD LAW [N.Y. LABOR LAW §§ 240 AND 241] CLAIMS

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / October 5, 2021

A 10-POINT CHECKLIST FOR TRANSFERRING RISK

Construction Executive / May 7, 2021

Builders Risk Policies Cover COVID-19 Construction Losses

Law 360 / April 30, 2020

APRIL IS ‘EMAIL YOUR INSURANCE BROKER’ MONTH

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / April 9, 2020

Risk Transfer Considerations For Public Projects

Risk Management Magazine / September 3, 2018

The Narrowing Of Additional Insured Coverage And Its Impact On P3 Projects

Construction Executive / July 26, 2017

New York Court Of Appeals Narrowly Construes Additional Insured Endorsement

Construction Pro / July 21, 2017

Are Courts Narrowing Access To Coverage In The Construction Industry?

PropertyCasualty360 / June 8, 2017

10 Insurance Tips To Help Manage Construction Risks

Risk Management Magazine / May 2, 2017

COURTS CHIP AWAY AT SIGNIFICANT CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COVERAGE

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / December 20, 2016

Courts Chip Away At Significant Construction Industry Coverage

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / December 20, 2016

Construction Faces Coverage Challenges

Risk Management Magazine / November 1, 2016

When Oil Prices Drop, Make Sure Your Insurance Tank Is Full

Law360 / July 8, 2016

Drones May Expose Property Owners To Increased Liability

Risk Management Magazine / December 7, 2015

Business Interrupted? Good Record-Keeping Should Be Part Of The Recovery Plan

NYSHTA, Focus magazine / October 2, 2015

INADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION CAN SCUTTLE YOUR COMPANY'S BUSINESS INTERRUPTION CLAIM

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / June 29, 2015

Can Record-Keeping Save Your Business Interruption Claim?

Law360 / June 17, 2015

SHOW ME THE LOSSES: RECENT FEDERAL DECISIONS DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPERLY DOCUMENTING BUSINESS INTERRUPTION CLAIMS

Hospitality Alert / May 28, 2015

Comply With Your Insurance Company's Cooperation Clause, But Preserve Your Privilege

PropertyCasualty360 / October 17, 2014

COMPLYING WITH THE COOPERATION CLAUSE WITHOUT COMPROMISING PRIVILEGE

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / October 2, 2014

Insurance Recovery: When Amenities Or Services Are Unavailable To Guests

Focus (Industry News) / April 22, 2014

Stop And Read Your Slowdown Insurance Policy

Law360 / April 16, 2014

Insurance Recovery For Business Interruption & Slowdown

Hospitality Lawyer's Converge / April 14, 2014

INSURANCE RECOVERY FOR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION – AND SLOWDOWN

Hospitality Alert / April 3, 2014

INSURANCE POLICY CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPLES: YOUR DEFENSE AGAINST PURPOSEFUL AMBIGUITIES

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / April 2, 2014

NEW YORK'S HIGHEST COURT SENDS CLEAR MESSAGE TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANIES: DISCLAIM THE DUTY TO DEFEND AT YOUR OWN PERIL

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / October 15, 2013

News

Super Lawyers 2024 Recognizes 14 Anderson Kill Attorneys in New York Metro Region

November 1, 2024 / Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers Recognizes 16 Anderson Kill Attorneys in 2023

September 25, 2023 / Super Lawyers

Super Lawyers Recognizes 14 Anderson Kill Attorneys in 2022

October 21, 2022 /

QUESTIONS APLENTY IN FLORIDA CONDO COLLAPSE

July 1, 2021 / Business Insurance

Super Lawyers Recognizes 17 Anderson Kill Attorneys in 2020
October 21, 2020 /

Law360 Names Wolff to Construction Editorial Advisory Board
April 16, 2020 /

Allen R. Wolff of Anderson Kill Appointed to Law360's Construction Editorial Advisory Board
April 16, 2020 /

WILL INSURANCE COVER COVID-RELATED BUSINESS LOSSES?
April 7, 2020 / NY Apartment Law Insider

Anderson Kill Insurance Recovery Attorneys to Speak at RIMS 2019
April 4, 2019 /

Super Lawyers Recognizes 19 Anderson Kill Attorneys in 2018
October 10, 2018 /

Proper Insurance Coverage for Construction Crucial in Avoiding Costly Litigation
September 21, 2018 / Insurance Journal

Atty's Guide To Construction Professional Liability Coverage
May 14, 2018 /

10th Circ. Split Adds Wrinkle To NY Faulty Work Coverage Law
February 15, 2018 / Law360

ANDERSON KILL ATTORNEYS NAMED TO 2017 SUPER LAWYERS AND RISING STARS LISTS
October 6, 2017 /

Insurance Industry Sees Challenges with New York City Crawler Crane Requirements
November 30, 2016 / Insurance Journal

TEN ANDERSON KILL ATTORNEYS SELECTED AS 2016 SUPER LAWYERS, NINE RISING STARS
October 4, 2016 /

Eleven Anderson Kill Attorneys Selected as 2016 Super Lawyers, Eight Rising Stars
October 4, 2016 /

How Hoteliers Can Prepare For, Mitigate Liabilities
September 22, 2016 / Hotel News Now / Brian Wroten

NY Additional-Insured Ruling Builds Doubt For Contractors
September 16, 2016 / Law360

Texas Justices' Exxon Ruling Comes With Catch For Insurers
December 7, 2015 /

TEN ANDERSON KILL ATTORNEYS SELECTED AS NEW YORK METRO SUPER LAWYERS, TWO RISING STARS
October 16, 2014 /

Texas CGL Case May Boost Insureds In Property Damage Suits
October 13, 2014 / Law360

Law360 Names Wolff to Hospitality Editorial Advisory Board
February 21, 2014 / Law360

Anderson Kill Lures Construction Insurance Vet From Olshan
August 21, 2013 / Law360

Allen R. Wolff Joins Anderson Kill as a Shareholder in New York
August 21, 2013 /
