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### Profile

Steven J. Pudell is the managing shareholder of Anderson Kill's Newark office. Steve's practice concentrates on insurance recovery, exclusively on behalf of policyholders, as well as on commercial litigation. He is also a member of the firm's COVID Task Group.

Steve devotes a large part of his practice to representing food industry companies, chemical manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies and real estate developers in insurance recovery matters.

Since 2011, Steve has been recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of New Jersey's top insurance recovery lawyers, which cited a client's assessment that "he is an expert in the field of insurance litigation" who "quickly analyzed the case" and was "a pleasure" to work with. Since 2013, he has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* for Insurance Law. Since 2017, Steve has been recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* for Insurance – advice to policyholders.

Steve often writes and speaks about insurance coverage matters. In 2018, he was selected as a member of [Law360's insurance editorial advisory board](#).

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1995, he clerked for the Honorable David Landau in the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division.

He was the co-chair of the ADR/Settlement Subcommittee of the American Bar Association, Litigation Committee (2012-2016). He has also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Model Civil Jury Charge Committee (2009-2014) and was a member of the Risk/Safety Commission of the Associated General Contractors of America (2009-2013).

In addition, Steve was actively involved in civic and philanthropic activities and served as president of the Teaneck Baseball Organization (2013-2015) and was a member of the Board of Trustees of his local synagogue.

### Memberships

## Professional Memberships

American Bar Association, Litigation Committee, Co-Chair ADR/Settlement Subcommittee (2012-2016); New York State Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association; ABA Corporate Counsel Committee (2012-2013); Model Civil Jury Charges Committee (2012-2014)

## Association Memberships

Member (2018-2019) Law 360 Insurance Editorial Advisory Board; Associated General Contractors of America; New Jersey Association of General Contractors; American Beverage Association and GMA; The Association of Food, Beverage and Consumer Products Companies; Food Safety Committee, New Jersey Food Council; Risk Management Committee, New Jersey Food Council; Adjunct Professor (2015-16) at Rutgers Law School; President of TBO (2014-2015).

## Board Memberships

Co-Chair, ADR/Settlement Subcommittee

## Awards & Honors

- Chambers USA: since 2011
- The Legal 500: since 2017
- Best Lawyers: since 2013
- Law360: Insurance Editorial Board since 2018

## Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D.
- Yeshiva University, B.A.

## Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Courts for the Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

## Practice Areas

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

## Industry Group

- Restaurant, Retail and Hospitality

## Experience

- Successfully obtain summary judgment for duty to defend for Legionnaires' Disease in *The Doe Fund v. Berkley Insurance Company*, 22-CV-9852-JGLC (S.D.N.Y. March 26, 2024).
- Successfully obtained partial summary judgment for insurance coverage relating to theft of electronic equipment from warehouse in Mexico. *Synnex Corporation v. Axis Insurance Company*, 4:20-cv-07244-YGR (N.D. Cal. March 15, 2023).
- Successfully obtained duty to defend in appeal for damage resulting from allegedly faulty roof in *Siplast, Inc. v. Emps. Mut. Cas. Co.*, 23 F.4th 486, 492 (5th Cir. 2022).
- Successfully obtained insurance coverage for animal health product company accused of causing property damage to poultry chickens of its clients in *Phibro Animal Health Corp. v. Nat'l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh*, 446 N.J. Super. 419 (App. Div. 2016).
- Represented multi-national chemical manufacturer in environmental insurance coverage case involving sites in New Jersey and Tacoma, Washington.
- Obtained favorable ruling on the duty to defend for our client, a large pharmaceutical company, on its \$400 million product liability insurance coverage dispute. The case settled days before trial.
- Successfully obtained order dismissing insurance company's complaint based on abstention grounds for the policyholder which resulted in a favorable settlement of the case for our client, an outdoor and camping equipment manufacturing company. The matter stems from an insurance coverage dispute regarding insurance company's denial of coverage under product liability insurance.
- Represented manufacturer of land, air, sea and space navigation and guidance products in environmental insurance coverage litigation.
- Represented coating and paint manufacturer in environmental insurance coverage litigation involving sites in over 20 states.
- Lead counsel for major real estate developer in insurance coverage dispute involving "Builders Risk" policy. Also, represented the company in reaching a settlement in a related dispute involving a general liability insurance policy.
- Represented commercial landlord involving insurance coverage for complaints by tenants of damage from toxic fumes.
- Represented commercial property owner in property/fire insurance case and won summary judgment ruling that led to settlement. See 237 F.Supp.2d 270 (E.D.N.Y. 2002).
- Represented corporation in securities fraud case.
- Represented paint manufacturer in lead paint insurance coverage case. Case was litigated to the New Jersey Appellate Division (2003 WL 1904383) and the New Jersey Supreme Court (179 N.J. 87).
- Represented franchises of a fast food company involving insurance coverage for food borne illness.
- Represented a manufacturer of military rations involving a food contamination/recall insurance policy.
- Appointed as special insurance coverage counsel for debtors insurance coverage issues

## Speaking Engagements

June 2026 ACC MN Breakfast and CLE Program

ACC Minnesota / June 11, 2026

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Cyber Insurance Coverage: What In-House Counsel Need to Know Before and After the Claims

Association of Corporate Counsel Nevada: Half Day CLE / May 14, 2026

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The Risky World of Artificial Intelligence: Examining the Legal Risks of Implementing and Utilizing AI Systems

Association of Corporate Counsel Nevada: Half Day CLE / May 14, 2026

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Anderson Kill's 14th Annual New Jersey Policyholder Advisor Conference

Anderson Kill / April 30, 2026

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Am I Covered For... A Discussion of Insurance Coverage for Recall, Contamination, and Bodily Injury Claim

Legal, Regulatory & Compliance Conference / July 15, 2025

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Am I Covered For? . . . A Discussion of Insurance Coverage Issues- HB Litigation

HB Litigation / May 8, 2025

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Anderson Kill's 13th Annual NJ Policyholder Advisor Conference

Anderson Kill / April 24, 2025

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Am I Covered For? . . . A Discussion of Insurance Coverage Issues- ACC Mountain West

ACC Mountain West / December 6, 2024

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Am I Covered For? . . . A Discussion of Insurance Coverage Issues

ACC Minnesota / December 4, 2024

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Anderson Kill Present's Its 12th Annual NJ Policyholder Advisor Conference Webinar

Anderson Kill / April 18, 2024

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Am I covered for . . . ? A Discussion of Coverage for Recall, Contamination and Bodily Injury Claims

ACC Mountain West Chapter / September 8, 2023

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ANDERSON KILL'S 11TH ANNUAL NJ POLICYHOLDER ADVISOR CONFERENCE

Anderson Kill / April 27, 2023

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ANDERSON KILL'S 10TH ANNUAL NJ POLICYHOLDER ADVISOR CONFERENCE

Anderson Kill / April 28, 2022

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USING INSURANCE COVERAGE TO PROTECT AGAINST FOOD INDUSTRY RISKS

Lawline / May 15, 2017

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ANDERSON KILL'S 5TH ANNUAL NJ POLICYHOLDER ADVISOR CONFERENCE

Anderson Kill / April 20, 2017

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Maximizing Your Insurance Recovery (2015)

Anderson Kill / April 23, 2015

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## Publications

Know the Limitations and Specifications in Racehorse Insurance Policies

Equine Business Magazine / November 15, 2024

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Insurance Coverage Exists for the Forever Chemical in New Jersey

New Jersey Alert / June 14, 2024

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Less Cyber Coverage, More Compliance Risk for Companies

Law360 / May 12, 2023

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RECENT NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT DECISION CONSTRICTS AN INSURANCE COMPANY'S DUTY TO DEFEND

New Jersey Alert / October 28, 2022

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6 Common Mistakes To Avoid If You Want To Maximize Your Cyber Insurance Claim Recovery

Risk & Insurance / May 15, 2022

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5th Circ. Finds Insurer Must Defend Roofing Co. In \$5m Suit

Law360 / January 11, 2022

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5 STEPS TO ENSURE CYBER INSURANCE CLAIMS DON'T GET DENIED

PropertyCasualty360 / September 29, 2021

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**NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE CONSIDERS PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION BILL**

New Jersey Alert / January 22, 2019

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**INSURANCE COMPANIES BEHAVING BADLY**

New Jersey Alert / December 7, 2018

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**PRODUCT RECALLS: WHAT DOES YOUR INSURANCE COVER?**

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / June 12, 2018

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**Where 'Natural' Takes On A Whole New Meaning**

Metropolitan Corporate Counsel / April 11, 2017

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**Bolstering New Jersey's Historically Weak 'Duty To Defend'**

Law360 / September 14, 2016

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**Ward Sand Is Sandbagged**

New Jersey Law Journal / May 19, 2016

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**NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT HOLDS THAT LATE NOTICE DESTROYS COVERAGE WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

New Jersey Alert / February 23, 2016

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**Watch The Coverage Gap**

Advisen, Front Page News / May 18, 2015

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**Watch The Coverage Gap: Insurance For Food Contamination And Recalls May Leave Liability On The Table**

Metropolitan Corporate Counsel / April 1, 2015

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**Clarity Over Insurance Broker Liability Comes To NY, NJ**

Law360 / October 14, 2014

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**NEW JERSEY COURTS PROVIDE CLARITY ON INSURANCE BROKER LIABILITY**

New Jersey Alert / September 16, 2014

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**Timely Notice For NJ Insurance Claims Just Got Harder**

Law360 / August 8, 2014

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IN NEW JERSEY, TIMELY NOTICE PROVISIONS CAN TRIGGER THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

New Jersey Alert / July 23, 2014

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New Decisions Affect Contribution And Allocation In N.J.

New Jersey Law Journal / December 11, 2013

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Getting The Most Out Of Product Recall Insurance

Risk Management / December 11, 2013

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WILL NEW JERSEY POLICYHOLDERS WIN BETTER BAD FAITH LAWS IN THE WAKE OF SUPERSTORM SANDY?

New Jersey Alert / October 31, 2013

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NEW DECISIONS AFFECT CONTRIBUTION AND ALLOCATION CAUSES OF ACTION IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Alert / October 22, 2013

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No Use Denying Over Spilled Milk

Food Manufacturing Magazine / March 5, 2013

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Who, What, When, Where, How? NJ Insurance Cases Of 2012

Law360 / January 17, 2013

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YEAR-END REVIEW OF NEW JERSEY INSURANCE CASE LAW

New Jersey Alert / January 7, 2013

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Think Twice Before You Make 'All Natural' Claims

Anderson Kill Cyber Alert / July 30, 2012

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Product Recall Insurance And The New FDA Food Safety Modernization Act

Anderson Kill White Paper / May 29, 2012

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Preventing, Uncovering And Prosecuting The Enemy Within: New Jersey's Top Legal Guns Target Employee Fraud & Theft

Commerce Magazine / July 27, 2010

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Five Steps To Maximize Insurance Coverage For Food Contamination Events

The Complexity Of Environmental Litigation In New Jersey Requires Both Mind And Muscle  
Commerce Magazine / November 24, 2009

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Buying The Right Insurance Coverage Is Only Half The Battle  
Corporate Counsel / November 5, 2009

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BUYING THE RIGHT INSURANCE COVERAGE IS ONLY HALF THE BATTLE  
Policyholder Advisor & Alert / November 5, 2009

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The Hot Seat Is No Place To Be Alone – Top New Jersey Law Firms Can Help  
Commerce Magazine / August 3, 2009

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Does Your Business Have The ‘Horsepower’ For Long-Term Success? Good Legal Advice Can Make The Difference Between First And Last  
Commerce Magazine / July 17, 2008

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Ten Tips To Preserve Business Income Insurance Coverage  
Dry Cleaners News / December 28, 2006

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Past Policies Vital When Faced With Liability  
Dry Cleaners News / October 13, 2006

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## News

Anderson Kill Attorneys Honored In The Best Lawyers in America 2027  
August 20, 2026 /

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Chambers USA 2026 Ranks Anderson Kill's Insurance Recovery Practices Among the Nation's Best for 21st Straight Year; Eight Attorneys Ranked  
June 8, 2026 /

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Thirteen Anderson Kill Attorneys Honored In The Best Lawyers in America 2025  
August 15, 2024 /

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[Ten Anderson Kill Attorneys Honored in The Best Lawyers in America 2024](#)

August 17, 2023 /

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[Anderson Kill's Insurance Recovery Practice Ranked Among Nation's Best by Chambers USA 2023; Eight Attorneys Recognized](#)

June 8, 2023 /

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[Insurer, Roofing Co. Reach Settlement Over Workmanship Suit](#)

October 20, 2022 / Law360

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[Chambers USA Ranks Anderson Kill Among Top Insurance Recovery Practices Nationally, in New York, and in New Jersey; Firm Attorneys in D.C. and Philadelphia Also Recognized](#)

June 1, 2022 /

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[Insurer must defend roofing manufacturer](#)

January 12, 2022 / Business Insurance

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[Fifth Circuit Probes Duty to Defend in Roofing Company's \\$5M Suit](#)

November 4, 2021 / Law360

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[TEN ANDERSON KILL ATTORNEYS INCLUDED IN THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA, 2022](#)

August 17, 2021 /

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[Chambers USA Ranks Anderson Kill's Insurance Recovery Practices Among Top Practices Nationally, in New York, and in New Jersey](#)

May 21, 2021 /

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[BEST LAWYERS RECOGNIZES 12 ANDERSON KILL ATTORNEYS](#)

August 20, 2020 /

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[Chambers USA Ranks Anderson Kill's Insurance Recovery Practices Among Top Practice Nationally; Seven Attorneys Ranked](#)

April 27, 2020 /

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[Anderson Kill Names Steven J. Pudell an Equity Shareholder](#)

January 28, 2020 /

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[Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 10 Anderson Kill Insurance Recovery Attorneys](#)

August 15, 2019 /

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## 9 ANDERSON KILL LAWYERS NAMED TO 2019 BEST LAWYERS LIST

August 17, 2018 /

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## The Legal 500 US Recognizes Nine Anderson Kill Insurance Recovery Attorneys

July 11, 2018 /

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## Chambers USA Recognizes Anderson Kill's Insurance Recovery Practice for Twelfth Straight Year

May 29, 2018 /

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## Chambers USA Recognizes Anderson Kill's Insurance Recovery Practice for 12th Consecutive Year

May 29, 2018 /

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## INSURER MUST COVER DREDGING CONTRACT CASE, WATER CO. SAYS

November 15, 2016 / Law360

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## Anderson Kill Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Best Lawyers in America

September 1, 2016 /

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## Stunted Chicken Ruling Hatches Fight over Defect Exclusion

July 15, 2016 /

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## Anderson Kill Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Best Lawyers in America

August 26, 2015 /

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## Chambers USA Recognizes Anderson Kill's Insurance Recovery Group for Ninth Year Running

June 4, 2015 /

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## Anderson Kill Forms Cyber Insurance Recovery Group

September 3, 2014 /

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## Risk & Insurance Quotes Anderson Kill's Steven Pudell on Insurance Coverage for Suits Against Energy Drink Manufacturers

June 12, 2014 /

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## Caffeine in a Can – A Jolt of Product Liability

June 2, 2014 /

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Insurer seeks relief from Basic Food's HVP-related claims

August 1, 2010 /

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