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Profile

Ethan Middlebrooks is a shareholder in Anderson Kill's New York office whose practice focuses on insurance recovery exclusively on behalf of policyholders and assisting clients with litigation. A member of the firm's Construction Group, he represents clients in the construction, real estate, energy, and hospitality industries in a broad range of insurance coverage matters.

Ethan assists policyholders with first-party property and business interruption claims as well as third-liability claims involving construction losses, D&O and E&O, educational management, and public officials' liability. Ethan also assists clients in areas outside of insurance recovery including through litigation and advising on contractual risk transfer.

Ethan clerked for the Honorable R. David Proctor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. He was recognized by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in 2023, 2024, and 2025, and by Benchmark Litigation in its 40 & Under List in 2025.

Ethan earned his J.D. from the City University of New York School of Law and his B.A. from Cornell University. He is admitted to practice in New York and multiple federal courts.

Awards & Honors

- Super Lawyers: Rising Stars since 2023

Education

- City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law, J.D.
- Cornell University, B.A.

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Practice Areas

- [Insurance Recovery](#)
- [Climate Change and Disaster Recovery](#)
- [Corporate and Commercial Litigation](#)
- [COVID Task Group](#)
- [First Party Property Damage, Business Interruption and Extra Expense Coverage](#)

Industry Group

- [Construction](#)

Speaking Engagements

[The Construction and Insurance Conference](#)

Anderson Kill / January 28, 2026

[Hot Topics '25](#)

Anderson Kill x Women Builders Council / October 27, 2025

[28th Annual Policyholder Advisor Conference](#)

Anderson Kill / October 24, 2024

[Insurance Law: Solutions to insurance protection gaps and understanding agent/broker liabilities](#)

MyLawCLE / September 24, 2024

[Property Insurance Coverage for Emerging Risk of Underground Climate Change \(CLE\)](#)

HB Litigation Conferences / August 9, 2024

[Maximizing Insurance Recovery for Liability and Defect Claims in Construction](#)

Anderson Kill / November 28, 2023

[Property Damage Policies: Valuing Complex Claims, Avoiding Valuation Mistakes, Managing](#)

Publications

New New York Practice and Securing Additional Insured Coverage

Policyholder Alert / May 27, 2026

Policyholder Advocate | May 2026

Policyholder Advisor & Alert / May 27, 2026

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

Underground Climate Change: Property Insurance Coverage for an Emerging Risk

Claims Journal / July 9, 2024

Who Gets Paid When the D&O Insurance Is Not Enough?

Risk Management Magazine / December 20, 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

Who's Picking Up The Tab: Recoupment For Contamination Damages Under New York Navigation Law

Law.com / August 24, 2022

[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

[Insurance Implications Of The State's New Cybersecurity Regulations](#)

New York Business Journal / May 31, 2017

[GETTING THE FACTS STRAIGHT: FOIA OR SUBPOENA?](#)

Commercial Litigation Advisor & Alert / December 16, 2016

News

[Benchmark Litigation 2025 Honors Mascia, Middlebrooks, Yousef Among "Top Emerging Talent in Litigation"](#)

August 18, 2025 /

[Super Lawyers 2024 Recognizes 14 Anderson Kill Attorneys in New York Metro Region](#)

November 1, 2024 / Super Lawyers

[Justices' Pass On Fracking Coverage Unsurprising To Attys](#)

January 29, 2024 / Law360 Insurance Authority

Super Lawyers Recognizes 16 Anderson Kill Attorneys in 2023

September 25, 2023 / Super Lawyers

Anderson Kill Promotes Christina Yousef and Ethan W. Middlebrooks as Shareholder

January 5, 2023 /

Vermont Supreme Court rules that policyholder can seek coverage for “direct physical loss or damage” stemming from COVID-19

September 23, 2022 /

Harvard Says Insurer Played “Cat & Mouse” on Top Court Case

September 20, 2022 / Law360

NH Medical Society Denounces Insurers’ COVID-19 Science

June 24, 2022 / Law360

New Hampshire Superior Court Grants Partial Summary Judgment in Favor Schleicher and Stebbins Hotels in \$100 Million Coronavirus Coverage Dispute

June 16, 2021 /
