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Practice Areas

Arson-Fraud Litigation
Insurance Law

Education

Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 1997)
University of Missouri (B.A., 1994)



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Robert L. Brady concentrates his practice in the area of first-party insurance coverage, with a special emphasis on arson/fraud claims. For nearly two decades, he has routinely guided insurance carriers through all phases of first-party claim investigations. He has conducted hundreds of examinations under oath. His primary goal is to ensure that his insurance clients conduct objective and thorough claim investigations. Mr. Brady understands carriers must obtain and analyze all potentially relevant information before making claim decisions.

In addition to his work with carriers during the claim stage, Mr. Brady is known as one of the leading trial lawyers in the area of first-party property insurance. He has successfully defended his insurance clients in front of judges and juries throughout Missouri and Illinois (see a partial listing of Mr. Brady's representative cases below).

Mr. Brady is a frequent lecturer to IASIU, NSPII, and other industry organizations on the proper investigation and handling of first-party claims involving potential arson/fraud. He is well-known for his knowledge and use of cutting-edge investigative tools, such as analysis of cell phone tower data, metadata, and effective utilization of social networks.

Recent Achievements

Best Lawyers – Insurance Law, *The Best Lawyers in America* (2016–2020)
Super Lawyers – Insurance Coverage, *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* (2008–2018)
St. Louis' Best Lawyers – Insurance Law, *St. Louis Magazine* (2017)

Professional Affiliations

National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators – Immediate Past President
Insurance Committee for Arson Control
International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Special Investigation Units

Bar Admissions

Missouri
Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

Representative Cases

Depositors Ins. Co. v. Hall's Restaurant, Inc., United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri (2014). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Depositors.

Carr v. Allstate Insurance Company, United States District Court, Western District of Missouri (2014). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Allstate.

Beal v. Allstate Insurance Company, Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Illinois (2014). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Allstate.

Farm Bureau Town & Country Ins. Co. of Missouri v. Dalton, Circuit Court of St. Francois County, Missouri (2015). First-party fraud in the presentation case. Jury verdict for Farm Bureau.

Campbell v. Cameron Mutual Ins. Co., Jefferson Circuit Court, (2013). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Cameron.

Farm Bureau Town & Country Ins. Co. of Missouri v. Shipman, Lawrence County Circuit Court, (2012). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Farm Bureau.

Coutts v. Farm Bureau Town & Country Ins. Co. of Missouri, Jackson County Circuit Court, (2010). First-party property coverage case. Jury verdict for Farm Bureau.

Goree v. Allstate Insurance Company, United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, (2009). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Allstate.

Duke v. Allstate Insurance Company, United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, (2009). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Allstate.

Pool v. Farm Bureau Town & Country Ins. Co. of Missouri v. Morris, Phelps County Circuit Court, (2009). First-party property coverage case. Jury verdict for Farm Bureau.

Gerler v. Shelter Mutual Ins. Co., Jefferson County Circuit Court, (2007). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Shelter.

Farm Bureau Town & Country Ins. Co. of Missouri v. Morris, Pike County Circuit Court, (2007). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Farm Bureau.

Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. v. Portia Scott, United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, (2005). First-party case involving material misrepresentation of a personal

property claim. Directed verdict in favor of Liberty Mutual.

Schwann v. USAA, St. Louis County Circuit Court, (2002). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for USAA.

Bailey v. Cameron Mutual Ins. Co., St. Louis City Circuit Court, (2002). First-party arson case. Jury verdict for Cameron.

Speaking Engagements

- | Presenter, "What's Old is New Again: The Repackaged Defamation Claim and Other Emerging Issues in First-Party Claims," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium, January 2019
- | Presenter, "Property and Casualty Fraud - Statistics, Trends and Solutions," RGA 2018 Fraud Conference, August 2018
- | Presenter, "Void *Ab Initio* - Proper Rescission of Insurance Policy Based on Material Misrepresentation in the Application," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium, January 2018
- | Presenter, "First-Party Arson/Fraud Claims: Proper Documentation of the Claim File," Brown & James General Defense & Insurance Law Symposium, January 2017
- | Presenter, "Common Coverage Issues in First-Party Property Insurance Claims," Brown & James Law Symposium, January 2016
- | Presenter, "Undetermined Fire Cause and Unattended Cooking Fires: Should Your Investigation Stop There?" Brown & James Law Symposium, January 2014
- | Presenter, "Case Law Update: Reports & Evidence," Buxton/Mazzone Fire Investigation Conference, Illinois Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators, April 2013
- | Presenter, "Update on the Law," Springfield Claims Association Meeting, March 2013
- | Presenter, "Missouri's Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act, Fraudulent Insurances Act, and Arson Immunity/Reporting Statutes," Brown & James Law Symposium, January 2013
- | Presenter, "Recorded Statements: Techniques, Tools and Tips," Brown & James Law Symposium, January 2011

Publications

- | *Arson, Fraud, and First Party Insurance Law* (3rd Ed., 2001)