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OVERVIEW

Mary Jo Barry has expertise in directors and officers insurance, fiduciary coverage, and other professional liability coverage and litigation matters. She has served as monitoring and coverage counsel to primary carriers, excess carriers and reinsurers based in the US, Canada, Europe, Bermuda and other offshore jurisdictions. She has successfully resolved hundreds of high exposure matters through negotiation, litigation, arbitration and mediation for over three decades, including many of the industry's most significant financial frauds and complex cases.

Ms. Barry's diverse experience includes securities class actions, shareholder derivative actions, class and creditors' breach of fiduciary duty claims – including claims arising out of mergers and acquisitions, stock options backdating and bankruptcies – and consumer class action, employment liability, bankers' liability, mortgage lenders/brokers liability, investment advisor/mutual fund liability, professional negligence claims, cryptocurrency and cyber risks. She has participated in a significant number of mediations, arbitrations and litigations of these claims with respect to both the settlement of the underlying claims and in connection with coverage disputes.

Ms. Barry has also provided guidance and assistance to a number of carriers on underwriting and product development, including drafting specimen and manuscript policies, endorsements and coverage agreements. Her legal career has been forged by her sound judgment and commitment to clients and by building longstanding relationships not only with her clients, but also mediators, plaintiffs and defense counsel, policyholders and their counsel, and other insurers and their outside counsel.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- › New York County Lawyers Association – Member

PRACTICE AREAS

- › Directors & Officers Liability
- › Insurance Coverage & Litigation
- › Financial Services
- › Regulatory Defense and Counseling
- › Professional Liability Errors & Omissions
- › Directors and Officers (D&O)
- › Insurance Regulatory & Transactional

ADMISSIONS

- › New York
- › U.S. District Court
- › Southern District of New York

EDUCATION

- › St. John's University School of Law – J.D.
- › Lafayette College – B.A.

PUBLICATIONS

- › [National Law Firm Kaufman Dolowich Voluck Opens Westchester Location, Westchester & Fairfield County Business Journals](#)
- › [Four manageable risks that will impact the insurance industry in 2019, Best's Review](#)

NEWS

- › [National Law Firm Kaufman Dolowich Voluck Opens Westchester Location, Westchester & Fairfield County Business Journals](#)
- › [Press Release: Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck Names Mary Jo Barry and Michael Zigelman Co-Managing Partners of New York City Office](#)
- › ["SPACS and the D&O Market Underwriting Concerns and Claims History," Webinar](#)
- › ["The Resurgence of Special Purpose Acquisition Corporations and D&O Insurance Market Considerations"](#)