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Hinshaw Insurance Law Radio Episode 2: An Interview with Insurance Reporter Jeff Sistrunk

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In the [second episode](#) of the Hinshaw Insurance Law Radio podcast, host Scott M. Seaman, a Chicago-based partner and co-chair of the national Insurance & Reinsurance Services group, sits down with Jeff Sistrunk, senior insurance reporter for Law360, to discuss Jeff's top five most important insurance decisions in 2016. Scott then adds a couple of runner-up cases of his own. The two also review Jeff's five insurance cases to watch in 2017.

Topping Jeff's list of most important insurance cases in 2016 was *In re: Viking Pump and Warren Pumps Insurance Appeals*, in which the New York Court of Appeals unanimously held that the "all-sums" allocation method, under which each of an insured's policies can be held liable for an entire loss, should apply in Viking Pump and Warren Pumps' asbestos injury coverage dispute with a slew of excess insurers. Jeff notes that *Viking Pump* has proved the most cited 2016 insurance case since it was decided in early May.

Rancosky v. Washington National Insurance Co., a Pennsylvania high court case, tops Jeff's list of the most important insurance cases to watch in 2017. The crux of *Rancosky* is whether the Superior Court's 1994 ruling in the case of *Terletsky v. Prudential Property & Casualty Insurance Co.* definitively established a method of determining an insurer's bad faith under state law, and if so, whether the appeals court erred in holding in the instant case that an insurer's "motive of self-interest or ill-will" is merely a discretionary consideration rather than a mandatory prerequisite to proving bad faith. Jeff noted that according to his sources "a great deal of confusion" over how the *Terletsky* standard should be applied has prevailed in Pennsylvania for two decades.

You can listen to Episode 2 over on the Blog Talk Radio Network: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/hinshawinsurancelawradio/2017/01/04/key-insurance-coverage-decision-in-2016-and-cases-to-follow-in-2017>

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