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OVERVIEW

Michael Ciamachelo concentrates his practice exclusively in the field of subrogation, focusing on property losses primarily involving fire, explosions, structural collapses, water damage, defective products and construction defects. Michael has investigated and litigated subrogation claims throughout the United States and is tenacious in obtaining maximum recoveries for his clients.

Prior to joining White and Williams LLP, Michael served as law clerk to the Honorable Marc M. Baldwin, Presiding Civil Judge of the Burlington County Superior Court of New Jersey. During law school, Michael served as intern to the Honorable L. Felipe Restrepo, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and as extern to the Honorable Joseph H. Rodriguez, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Seven-Figure Settlement for Subrogation Department

Obtained a jury verdict of \$300,000 for a subrogation claim arising from a fire inside a commercial structure in Pennsylvania

Litigated a \$4 million subrogation claim arising from a pipe discharge that occurred during a construction project at a hospital in New York

Litigated a \$2.1 subrogation claim arising from water damages in a commercial building in New Jersey

Litigated a \$1.9 million subrogation claim arising from a residential fire involving a gas leak in Delaware

Litigated a \$1 million subrogation claim arising from a fire in a convenience store and failure of a suppression system in Maryland

PRACTICES

Subrogation

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

New Jersey

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Rutgers School of Law – Camden, JD, 2011

Villanova University, BS, 2004

MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania Bar Association



Litigated a \$600,000 subrogation claim arising from a structure collapse in New York

Litigated a \$550,000 subrogation claim for water damage arising from an improperly installed HVAC unit in New Jersey

Litigated a \$520,000 subrogation claim arising from a warehouse fire in Pennsylvania

Litigated a \$450,000 subrogation claim arising from discharge of a fire suppression system in an airport in Rhode Island

Litigated a \$440,000 subrogation claim arising from damage to a solar panel system in New Jersey

IN THE NEWS

White and Williams Announces Lawyer Promotions, Four Attorneys Promoted to Partner and One Attorney Promoted to Counsel
For Immediate Release

1.5.23

Congratulations 2022 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

7.13.22

White and Williams Lawyers Recognized as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

11.1.21

White And Williams Announces Lawyer Promotions

Three Lawyers Elected to Partnership and Eight Associates Promoted To Counsel

1.4.21

EVENTS

Don't Get Burned Online – Subrogation vs. Amazon & Other Online Retailers

2022 NASP Annual Conference, 11.8.22

Butt Out! Subrogating Careless Smoking Fires

National Association of Subrogation Professionals, Annual Conference (Washington, DC), 10.28.19

Expert Witness Courtroom Testimony Course

International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), 4.18.18

PUBLICATIONS

I Spy Claims Against Amazon

The Subrogation Strategist, 12.11.23

Title or Possession Required . . . Louisiana Court Rules That Amazon Is Not Liable for a Defective Product

The Subrogation Strategist, 12.22.21

Amazon Avoids Liability (Again) for Defective Products Sold by Third Parties Through Its Website
The Subrogation Strategist, 6.30.21

Amazon Loses (Again) . . . New York Court Rules That Amazon Can Be Liable for Defective Product
The Subrogation Strategist, 12.17.20

Update – Property Owner’s Defense Goes up in Smoke in Careless Smoking Case
The Subrogation Strategist, 8.3.20

Arkansas Federal Court Fans the Product Liability Flames Utilizing the Malfunction Theory
The Subrogation Strategist, 7.22.20

Texas Federal Court Rules Amazon Can Be Sued for Defective Product
The Subrogation Strategist, 6.16.20

Careless Smoking Causation Defense Goes Up in Smoke in Connecticut
The Subrogation Strategist, 9.19.19

Property Owner’s Defense Goes Up in Smoke in Careless Smoking Case
The Subrogation Strategist, 6.11.19

Insurers Subrogating in Arkansas Must Expend Energy to Prove That Their Insureds Have Been Made Whole
The Subrogation Strategist, 5.20.19

Insurers Subrogating in Arkansas Must Expend Energy to Prove That Their Insureds Have Been Made Whole
The Subrogation Strategist, 5.20.19

Texas Court of Appeals Strictly Enforces Certificate of Merit Requirements for Claims Against Professionals
The Subrogation Strategist, 3.18.19

Illinois Supreme Court Holds That the Implied Warranty of Habitability Does Not Extend to Subcontractors
The Subrogation Strategist, 1.17.19