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Counselors With a *Kick*

**In the Gulf Coast,
bland just doesn't cut it.**

At The Monson Law Firm, we have the feel for the flavor of the Gulf South. We know how to season a case to get the best result for you and we are always willing to kick it up a notch. If you are in need of an insurance defense firm where the spice is right, call The Monson Law Firm today.

Practice Areas

At The Monson Law Firm, we have earned a reputation for aggressive and proactive litigation concerning all aspects of insurance defense.

Our primary areas of concentration include:

Automobile & Trucking

Medical Malpractice

Bad Faith

Premises Liability

Construction

Professional Liability

Coverage

Third Party Liability

Employer's Liability

Workers' Compensation

Flood

First Party Property

Maritime



Matthew D. Monson



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Matthew founded The Monson Law Firm with a singular focus: to provide ethical and proactive representations to the insurance industry and self-insured entities while standing up to fight insurance fraud. Matthew focuses his practice on issuing coverage opinions and defending first-party and third-party claims. Matthew wrote and achieved regulatory approval for the first insurance policy language in the country allowing an insurer to reject an Assignment of Benefits.

A friend of the insurance industry, Matthew is a speaker at numerous claims conferences and events. Matthew is an active member of The Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Surplus Lines Association. He has served as President of both the New Orleans and Louisiana Claims Associations.

Matthew and his wife, Katherine, are proud parents of Andrew David Monson and Jessica Ann Monson.

Matthew is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

Just For *Kicks*

Shut down a law firm

The Monson Law Firm successfully uncovered improper attorney solicitation of clients through the use of unlicensed public adjusters after Hurricane Isaac. After filing complaints with the Louisiana Bar Association, the managing lawyer of the Louisiana office quit and remaining members were let go. As a result of our hard work, the law firm closed its office and transferred over 400 files to another firm.

Took \$76,000 from a public adjuster

The Monson Law Firm determined that one of Louisiana's most notorious public adjusters deposited a \$76,000.00 Coverage A check into his account. Our investigation revealed that the check contained a fraudulent mortgage company endorsement. Working closely with the mortgage company, the public adjuster's bank account was frozen and all funds were returned to the carrier.



Punished engineer

In response to a complaint filed by The Monson Law Firm, the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board issued disciplinary orders against an engineering and consultant firm frequently used by the plaintiff's bar.

Annihilated AOB

The Monson Law Firm coordinated a meeting with Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon to address a response to the assignment of benefits crisis. After this meeting the Louisiana Department of Insurance approved our new anti-assignment language in three days, protecting our clients from AOB abuse.

Attorneys



Lindsay Frenkel Lobello

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Lindsay LoBello is the Managing Attorney of the Florida Office. Lindsay represents insurance companies in the defense of first-party property claims. Lindsay has extensive experience litigating actions involving fraud, coverage denials, and price and scope disputes. Lindsay also assists carriers pre-litigation, including investigations, examinations under oath, coverage opinions, and appraisals. Lindsay is IICRC Certified in Water Restoration, which assists her in defending carriers from AOB abuses.



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The Managing Attorney of our Houston office, Ron focuses on the defense of first-party and third-party claims and handles defense of insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. Ron has jury trial and arbitration experience and has been recognized as a Rising Star by Texas Super Lawyers. Ron has also served our country in the U.S. Army as an officer and aeromedical evacuation pilot, saving over 200 lives while flying both fixed wing and rotary-wing aircraft.



John D. Mineo

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John is the Managing Attorney for the Louisiana office. John Mineo's practice focuses on defending first-party, third-party and worker's compensation claims for both insured and self-insured companies. John successfully litigates claims before State and Federal Courts, the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Office of Louisiana Law Judges.



Christopher M. Landry • Special Partner

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Chris Landry is primarily engaged in the defense of Louisiana State Workers' Compensation and Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation (including Defense Base Act) claims. He is also engaged in insurance defense and the defense of products liability, medical malpractice, nursing home, and employment claims. Chris has been elected as a Fellow in the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers.





Robert T. Schulte



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Robert "Bob" Schulte's practice since 2012 has nearly exclusively been limited to representing insurance companies in connection with first-party property insurance claims. He has extensive experience with homeowners and commercial insurance matters including claims of loss due to windstorm, hail, water, sinkhole, collapse, fire, theft, business interruption, and extra expense. He has assisted some of Florida's largest insurers with legal issues related to assignments of benefits, examinations under oath, misrepresentations by insureds, and the contractual obligations of insureds and insurers. His litigation experience includes dispositive motions, jury trials through jury verdict, and post-judgment litigation of attorney's fee claims and appeals. He has testified before the Florida Legislature in support of insurance related legal reform and is approved by the Florida Department of Financial Services as an instructor for insurance related Continuing Education (CE) courses.



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Rachel maintains an active corporate and civil defense litigation practice. She represents small businesses, insurance companies, and national corporations in both transactional matters as well as litigation. Rachel provides valuable advice on internal corporate matters in order to minimize risk exposure. Rachel also defends complex first-party and third-party claims for commercial and residential insurers. Rachel is further experienced in appellate practice in both state and federal court.



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Claudia focuses her practice on defending first-party property residential and commercial insurance claims throughout the State of Florida. Claudia is experienced in litigating contested claims involving fraud, coverage denials, and price and scope disputes, as well as the defense of liability claims. Claudia handles all aspects of insurance defense litigation from filing of a lawsuit through trial. Claudia assists carriers pre-litigation, including conducting examinations under oath, assisting with investigations and providing coverage opinions. Claudia also has significant experience in the areas of personal injury protection (PIP)/No-Fault litigation and fraud (SIU) investigations.

Attorneys



Caroline S. Horstmann



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With insurance defense, coverage and subrogation experience in both Texas and Louisiana, Caroline focuses on the defense of first- and third-party litigation. Her past experience includes clerking for a Federal Magistrate in Gulfport, Mississippi and a Louisiana State Court of Appeals Judge.



John C. Henry



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John's practice focuses on representation of insurers and their insureds in claims arising from homeowner's insurance, casualty litigation, construction litigation, commercial litigation and agent errors and omissions. John has defended insurers in first-party property claims in both state and federal courts and has tried cases in Louisiana, Virginia, Maryland, and Georgia. John has argued appeals before Louisiana Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.



Kyle C. Matthias



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Kyle Matthias practices primarily in defense of first-party property, third-party liability and Louisiana State Workers' Compensation and Longshore Harbor Workers' Compensation claims. Kyle assists carriers with pre-litigation investigations, mediations, preparing court pleadings, and navigating the appraisal process. Before beginning his legal career, Kyle served nine years in the United States Coast Guard while being assigned to Station Grand Isle, Maritime Safety and Security Team New Orleans, and the Cutter Juniper in Newport, Rhode Island.



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Lauren Lam focuses her practice on defending first-party property insurance claims throughout the state of Louisiana. Prior to joining the firm, Lauren practiced Criminal Defense and Family Law in a boutique Law Firm serving Southeast Louisiana.



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Rowan handles first-party property suits for various insurance companies throughout the state of Louisiana. Rowan defends claims involving coverage issues regarding policy conditions and exclusions, and price/scope disputes. Prior to joining the firm, Rowan practiced Worker's Compensation and general litigation in a boutique law firm in Houma.



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Austin Welch's practice focuses primarily on defending insurers in first-party property claims. Prior to joining the firm, Austin defended insurers in complex third-party claims and clerked in the Orleans Parish Criminal Court and the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office.



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Erin's practice focuses primarily on defending insurers in first-party property claims. Prior to joining the firm, Erin represented mortgage lenders in bankruptcy, foreclosure, litigation, real estate, and transactions. In her free time, Erin enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors with her husband, Steven, and their son, Vincent.



Patricia C. Upton



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Patricia is an experienced litigator who focuses her practice on general insurance defense litigation and defense of first party property insurance claims. Prior to joining the firm, Patricia was staff counsel for two major insurance companies practicing auto insurance defense, as well as in private practice doing general litigation.

Attorneys



Ana C. Arenas

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Ana focuses her practice on defending first party property insurance disputes throughout the State of Florida. Ana's experience includes handling policy and coverage issues. She has litigated matters pertaining to denials, price and scope disputes, and fraud. Ana also assists carriers with pre-suit matters including appraisal and investigations.



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Butch T. Mathenia is originally from Springfield, Missouri. Butch Mathenia moved to Florida in 2014. Butch also served in the US Army where he received numerous awards including the Bronze Star Medal, Director of National Intelligence Award for work on Classified Projects, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, NATO Afghanistan Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, as well as other numerous awards and distinctions.



Butch brings over 13 years of intelligence collection and analysis experience and 7 years of Insurance Defense experience. He has defended Florida insurance carriers in breach of contract matters and obtained summary judgment, dismissals, and sanctions against plaintiffs for bringing or maintaining frivolous claims.

Outside of work, Butch enjoys spending time with his family at the beach, riding motorcycles, volunteering with veteran focused organizations, and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Epsilon-Beta chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon at the University of Tampa. Whether in conducting discovery or providing outside-the-box solutions to our client's legal issues, Butch's military intelligence background combined with his litigation experience provides the firm with a unique toolset and serves as an asset to the firm and clients.

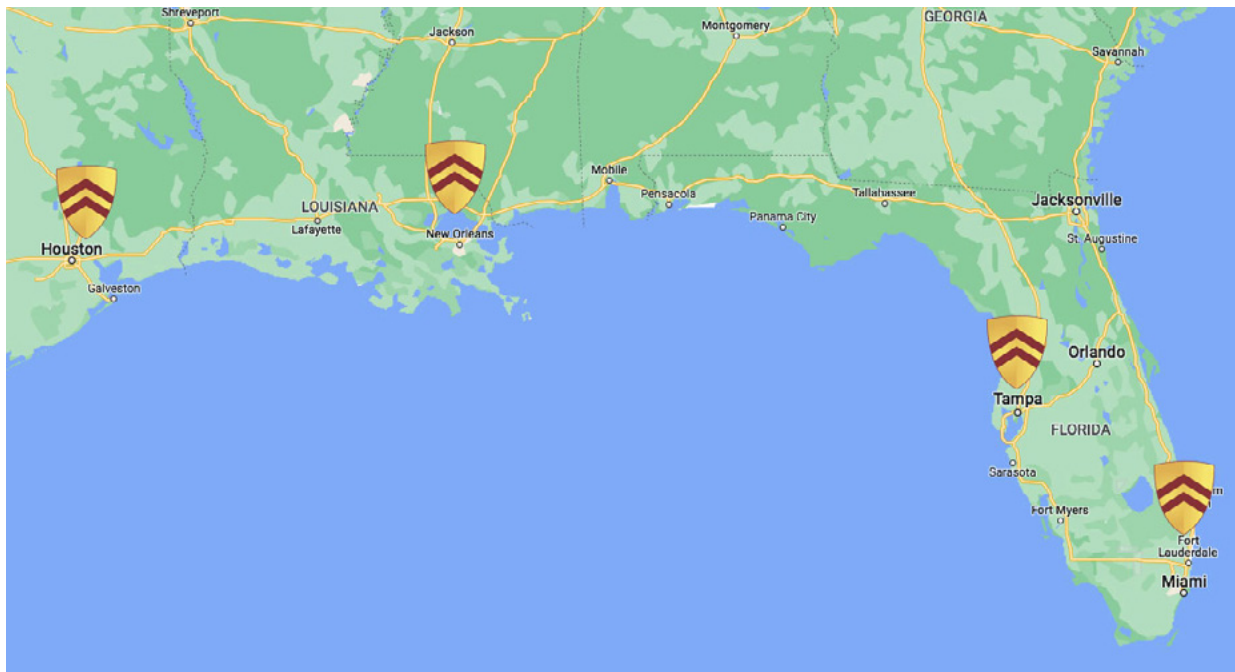


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Stephen focuses on the defense of first-party and third-party claims and handles the defense of insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. His experience includes representing employers and insurance carriers in defense of claims under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its extensions such as the Defense Base Act. Stephen has also served our county in the U.S. Navy including a 2017 deployment in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. During this deployment he became designated as an Enlisted Expeditionary Warfare Specialist.





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