

## SYLLABUS FORM

*(In the Study Information System some fields are added to the syllabus for technical reasons. For instance, the level of study needs to be determined separately, curricula related to the subject are displayed automatically, etc.)*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1	CODE AND NAME OF COURSE (in English)	<b>Insurance Law and US Civil Litigation</b>
2	STRUCTURAL UNIT	Faculty of Law
3	AMOUNT OF CREDITS (ECTS)	
4	DURATION IN SEMESTERS	One
5	RPL CAN BE USED FOR THIS COURSE <i>(Yes/No)</i>	No
6	OBJECTIVES (in English)	<p>The aim of the course is to familiarize the students with the means and methods of civil litigation as practiced in the United States.</p> <p>The course will be based on actual litigation experience of its Professor; a New York based civil litigator.</p> <p>The course will be presented in a manner that will give the student an insider's view of how the Federal and State courts systems are used to adjudicate civil disputes, in a courtroom by trial.</p> <p>The type of cases focused on will be insurance coverage cases, and, the course will also teach the basic principle of International Insurance law.</p>
7	LEARNING OUTCOMES (in English)	Students will gain an insight into the role lawyers play in civil litigation in the States and a working knowledge of insurance law.
8	FINAL ASSESSMENT	Pass/Fail
9	BRIEF DESCRIPTION (in English)	The course will be taught through lectures with active student discussion and participation. Students will be expected to review class materials in advance of class and be prepared to participate in class discussion.
10	PREREQUISITE COURSES	The class and materials will be in English. No course prerequisites are required.

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11	ACADEMIC YEAR, SEMESTER, STUDY FORM	<p>Class will be taught on the following days in October:</p> <p>Monday: October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday: October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> Friday: October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup></p>
12	PART, AMOUNT OF CREDITS	N/A
13	FINAL ASSESSMENT(S) OF PART(S)	The assessment will be pass/fail, based on class preparation and participation and a final exam.
14	TEACHER IN CHARGE (if the course is taught by multiple	Dennis T. D'Antonio, Esq. Managing Partner and Lead Trial Lawyer at the New York Firm,

	teachers, give the name of all the (visiting) teachers)	Weg and Myers, P.C.
15	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	No limit
16	TARGET GROUP AND PREREQUISITES FOR TAKING THE COURSE	All levels of law students are welcome.
17	RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE COURSES	Some familiarity with contract law will be helpful but is not required.
18	LANGUAGE(S) OF INSTRUCTION	English
19	OTHER LANGUAGES REQUIRED FOR ATTAINMENT OF THE LEARNING OUTCOMES	None other than English
20	VOLUME AND FORM OF STUDY (contact teaching: lecture, seminar, practical training, individual lesson; independent work (incl. e-learning); field training)	Anticipated classes will be two (2) hours daily (Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday and Thursday) for two (2) weeks beginning October 1 <sup>st</sup> .
21	WEB-BASED LEARNING	Not web-based, but information will be posted on-line (Study Information System).
22	WEEKS OF STUDY	
23	TIMETABLE	<del>Class will be presented in a manner that simulates the progression of a business acquisition and will be based on the hypothetical fact situation described under Objectives (6) above. Legal documents and legal concepts will be presented and discussed in the order that they are encountered in the typical transaction.</del>
24	COURSE WEBSITE	N/A
25	LIBRARY PACKAGE (link)	
26	COMPULSORY STUDY MATERIALS	Course materials to be made available in advance of first class.
27	RECOMMENDED STUDY MATERIALS	N/A
28	INDEPENDENT WORK (list of independent work and instructions for performing it)	N/A

### ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING OUTCOMES

29	ASSESSMENT METHOD	Pass/fail, depending on class participation and familiarity with class materials.
30	CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO ASSESSMENT	Preparation for and participation in classes. One class may be missed.
31	FINAL ASSESSMENT	Final assessment will be based on class preparation; participation over the entire course and the final exam.
32	POSSIBILITIES OF REMEDYING OVERDUE WORK	By arrangement with the teacher.

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**THE LAW FIRM OF WEG AND MYERS, P.C.**

Weg and Myers, located in Federal Plaza in lower Manhattan, is engaged primarily in the area of insurance law representing insureds in suits against insurance companies on questions of policy coverage as well as property damage cases.

The firm has also been retained to handle insurance-related, property damage and negligence matters in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Florida, California, Texas, Alaska, Louisiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Maryland and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as England, Thailand, Panama and Italy.

DENNIS T. D'ANTONIO, born in New York, New York June 8, 1955; admitted to Bar 1982 New York and U. S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; 1983, U. S. District Court; Northern District of New York and U. S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; 2004, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit; Admitted to Bar Pennsylvania, 1989; Education: Boston College (B.S. 1979); New York Law School (J.D., 1982); Member: N.Y.S. (Member, Insurance Committee) and American Bar Associations; N. Y. County Lawyers Association; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Mr. D'Antonio is also a member of the Who's Who of Practicing Attorneys, was a faculty member of the Sobelsohn Insurance Institute teaching Insurance Law, and an Adjunct Professor of Insurance Law at New York Law School. Additionally, Mr. D'Antonio is the past Chairman of the Harlan Fellowship Committee at New York Law School. He is a former Executive Director and General Counsel of the New York Public Adjusters Association, Inc. Mr. D'Antonio has been a featured speaker at the American Bar Association's annual mid-year meeting in addition to being a guest speaker at Lorman Education Services' seminars entitled "New York

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Insurance Law” and “First Party coverage Litigation in New York”, the Appraisers Association of America’s National Conference and the New York State Bar Association’s seminar entitled “Residential and Commercial Insurance Concerns – Advanced Issues”. Additionally, Mr. D’Antonio was a featured speaker at a World Trade Center related symposium sponsored by New York University’s Stern School of Business. Mr. D’Antonio is also the co-author of an article entitled "The Innocent Co-Insured Doctrine -- A Practical Guide for Practitioners", which was published in the American Bar Association Journal. Mr. D’Antonio has been lead trial counsel for Weg and Myers for 25 years and has tried insurance coverage cases in New York; Connecticut; New Jersey; Florida; Vermont and Minnesota, and has recovered in excess of One Billion Dollars on behalf of policyholders.

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# A Formidable Legal Opponent in the Courtroom and at the Negotiating Table

*Weg & Myers Has Represented the Rights and Interests of Insurance Policy Holders for 40 Years*

**A** \$20 million jury verdict against Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. in connection with a Superstorm Sandy loss.

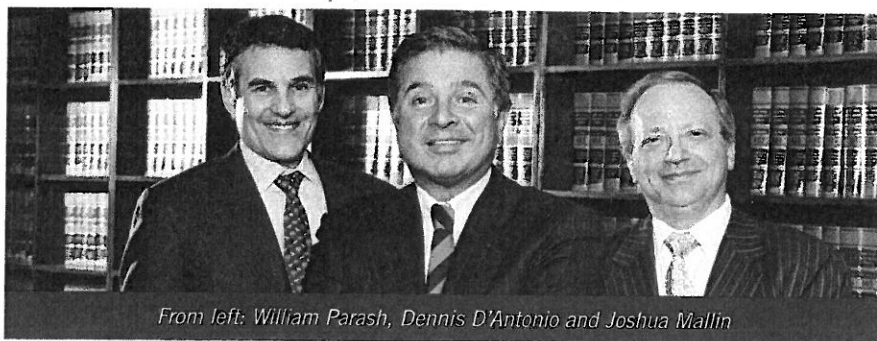
A \$15 million verdict on behalf of a client against its insurance carrier for property damage to the client's Lower Manhattan building caused by adjacent construction.

A \$30 million verdict in the Southern District of New York in Lolly Togs Inc. vs. Lincoln Benefit Life.

A \$150 million business income claim settled on behalf of a client with One Beacon Insurance Co.

When Weg & Myers takes a case, opponents take notice. "The law firms and insurance companies we come up against know if we've taken a case, there is good reason to believe it is meritorious," says managing partner Dennis D'Antonio. "We are highly selective about the cases we accept, and our opponents know it."

The Manhattan-based law firm has been representing the rights and interests of insurance policy holders, including many corporations, for 40 years. Not only is the practice widely recognized for its



*From left: William Parash, Dennis D'Antonio and Joshua Mallin*

ability in this highly specialized field of law, it has actually "made quite a bit of the insurance law," D'Antonio says.

With 10 attorneys, Weg & Myers is small by design, with the experience and expertise to routinely handle large cases for large clients. "Our size allows us to deliver representation that is exceptional rather than run-of-the-mill," D'Antonio says. "And it means every client receives attention from the firm's senior partners."

A highly respected and active litigator, D'Antonio has not lost a trial in 25 years, a track record that stands him and, more importantly, his clients in good stead in negotiating a settlement. "Carriers and their attorneys know that if a case does not settle, we are in a position to go to trial if necessary. And that often helps us avoid trials," he says. Over the course of his career, D'Antonio has achieved in excess of \$1 billion in verdicts and settlements on behalf of clients.

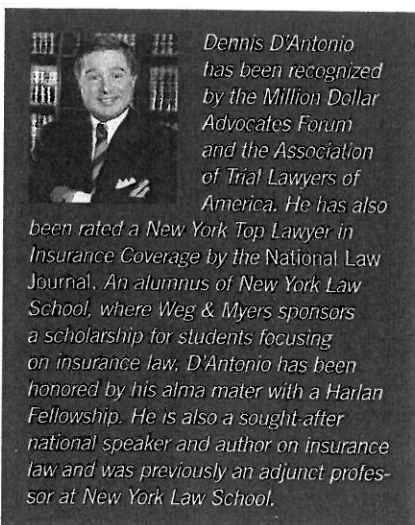
## Scholarly Approach

D'Antonio says clients benefit from the firm's scholarly approach to insurance coverage litigation. "The more scholarly the approach, the more authoritative the

approach," he explains. "Lawyers who understand policies, who have read the cases and understand the law, are better able to enunciate and articulate theories of coverage, because frequently in insurance coverage litigation you are creating a theory that supports coverage. Many cases are not black and white or open and shut."

He credits his two longtime partners, Joshua L. Mallin and William H. Parash, for the "enormous skill sets" they bring to the practice. Mallin is a highly regarded insurance coverage expert who prepares many of the firm's legal and appellate briefs. Parash is "an aggressive, energetic litigator with considerable expertise in the engineering of buildings, and in building losses."

While everyone at Weg & Myers is "extremely grateful for the enormous success" the firm has enjoyed over the years, they do not take this success for granted. "Every client is very important to us," D'Antonio says, "and we are flattered that our clients have chosen us to handle this very important business for them. At Weg & Myers, we are motivated first and foremost by an intuitive sense of succeeding on behalf of our clients. Our own success just follows."



*Dennis D'Antonio has been recognized by the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He has also*

*been rated a New York Top Lawyer in Insurance Coverage by the National Law Journal. An alumnus of New York Law School, where Weg & Myers sponsors a scholarship for students focusing on insurance law, D'Antonio has been honored by his alma mater with a Harlan Fellowship. He is also a sought-after national speaker and author on insurance law and was previously an adjunct professor at New York Law School.*

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