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## INSURANCE

Our insurance practice has been a cornerstone of the firm since its inception. We handle the organization, capitalization, and restructuring of insurance companies and agencies, as well as mergers, mutual-to-stock conversions, and conversions to mutual holding company systems. We assist in obtaining the admissions of domestic companies to other states and of foreign companies to Ohio, and in securing regulatory approvals of insurance policies and forms. Our lawyers also aid in the negotiation of insurance and reinsurance contracts and the licensing and management of agents and brokers. More generally, we help our clients to determine which of their products and operations may constitute the business of insurance.

Our lawyers regularly appear on behalf of insurance clients in hearings, investigations, enforcement actions, and other administrative proceedings. We also defend and prosecute insurance matters for insurance companies, agencies, and agents in lawsuits in state and federal court. We represent many insurance companies, agencies, and agents. We also provide counsel to reinsurance companies, captive insurers, and risk retention groups, and represent insurance trade associations and organizations involved in insurance education. In addition, our lawyers often advise clients on insurance issues that arise in connection with their commercial, real estate, employment, governance, legislative, tax, intellectual property and transactional matters.