
Steve W. Kinion



Practice Areas

Insurance Regulation & Compliance
Insurance Law
Insurer Taxation
Insurance Company Insolvency
Employee Benefits

Education

The University of Tulsa, Juris Doctor, 1995
The University of Tulsa, Master of Business Administration, 1995
Northeastern State University, Bachelor of Arts, 1988

Legal Experience

Partner, Zack Stamp, Ltd., Attorneys at Law, 1999-Present
Oklahoma Legislative Affairs Manager, Farmers Insurance Group of Companies, 1999
Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department, 1995-1999
Counsel, Oklahoma State Board for Property and Casualty Rates, 1995-1996
Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, 1996-Present
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Civil-Military Task Force, Sarajevo, Bosnia, 1996-1997

Insurance Experience

Director, Bureau of Captive and Financial Products, Delaware Insurance Department, 2009-Present
Senior Advisor for Regulatory Policy, Delaware Insurance Department, 2009
Member, Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Board of Directors, 2002-2008
Chair, Oklahoma Health Insurance High Risk Pool Board of Directors, 1999-2008
Member, National Association of State Comprehensive Health Insurance Plans Board of Directors, 2003-2006
Member, Omni Insurance Company and Omni Indemnity Company Board of Directors, 2006-2009
Member, Bond Safeguard Insurance Company Board of Directors, 2003-2009
Member, Warner Insurance Company Board of Directors, 2003-2005
Chair, American Bar Association Insurance Regulation Committee, 2001-2002
Member, Federation of Regulatory Counsel, 2004-Present

Published Articles

The Industrial Insured in Illinois: Tax Consequences - Are There Any?, FORC Journal, Winter 2008, co-authored with Dana Deen Kinion

Crimes of Dishonesty and Breach of Trust: Is Theft Such a Crime Under 18 U.S.C. § 1033(e)?, FORC Quarterly Journal of Insurance Law and Regulation, June 2003

Insurance Securitization 101, ABA Public Regulation of Insurance Law Committee Newsletter, Summer 1999

Language Skills

German

Mr. Kinion joined the firm on March 1, 1999. His practice focuses on the areas of insurance regulation and compliance, insurance law, employee benefits, insurer taxation and insurance company insolvencies. As a regular attendee at National Association of Insurance Commissioners meetings, Mr. Kinion has developed relationships with insurance regulators in many states. He makes it a priority to be at the forefront of regulatory issues in the insurance industry.

He has counseled organizations such as fraternal benefit societies, insurers, insurance brokers, third-party administrators, and self-insured workers' compensation pools on a variety of matters to include redomesticating insurers, reinsurance agreements, premium tax matters, assessments, and receiverships. He has also analyzed proposed mergers and acquisitions.

Mr. Kinion is currently serving as the director of the Bureau of Captive and Financial Insurance Products for the Delaware Insurance Department. This position was attained through a contract between the Delaware Insurance Department and Zack Stamp Consulting, LLC. In this capacity he assists in growing and regulating Delaware's captive insurance industry. Mr. Kinion continues his legal practice, but no longer represents captive insurers and risk retention groups.

A member of the Illinois and Oklahoma bar associations, he is licensed to practice before a number of federal courts as well as all military courts. He is a judge advocate in the United States Army Reserve, and he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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