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James DelBello represents clients in complex commercial and regulatory litigation, with a focus on the financial services, insurance and technology industries. He serves as lead counsel in high-stakes bench and jury trials nationwide, handling matters involving software licensing, mergers and acquisitions, asset purchase agreements and class actions. Clients rely on Jim for practical, business-driven strategies that resolve disputes efficiently and align with their broader organizational goals.

Jim also has extensive experience as senior in-house attorney, having served as Senior Vice President and Head of Business Law and Compliance at a Fortune 200 insurance and financial services company, where he oversaw multistate market conduct examinations and advised on major regulatory initiatives. This in-house experience gives him a practical understanding of the compliance and operational challenges his clients face in an evolving regulatory landscape.

Jim also previously served as an Independent Director and Chair of the Regulatory Oversight Committee of the Board of Directors for Nasdaq Futures, Inc. He counsels financial and insurance companies on compliance, product and rate filings, regulatory changes, ERISA and federal securities regulations. He also represents clients in investigations, examinations and enforcement actions before state and federal agencies, including the SEC, FINRA, the Department of Labor and state insurance departments.

Education

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Capabilities

- Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Class Action & Multidistrict Litigation
- ERISA Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Matters

- Obtained temporary restraining order for client in Delaware Chancery Court to prevent its general partner from removing our client as the manager of a highly visible real estate project in Philadelphia.
- Successfully defeated TRO brought in Delaware Chancery Court seeking to enjoin our client's acquisition of an international precious metals company.
- Representing healthcare system in commercial dispute regarding revenue cycle management services.
- Represented healthcare system in series of cases alleging sexual abuse and over-prescription of opioids by rogue pain doctor.
- Represent a high-profile public figure in a trust and fiduciary litigation centering on claims over the administration and control of a \$600M+ trust, including its situs, trustee selection, and distribution authority.
- Represent partners in an insurance group in a high-stakes commercial and fiduciary litigation. Polsinelli's clients received a favorable ruling on nearly all claims following a three-day bench trial in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Polsinelli also secured an appellate victory before the Third Circuit Court.
- Represent a global chemical manufacturing company in a \$50M post-closing commercial dispute pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery.
- Represented provider of outsourced portfolio accounting services to investment managers and hedge funds in antitrust and commercial dispute regarding software licensing agreement.
- Represented an international software company in cases involving the licensing, implementation and functionality of enterprise business software; involved issues concerning the development of industry-specific functionality for customers in the waste and recycling, retail and pharmaceutical distribution industries, as well as benchmarking and throughput capacity of software used in high-volume applications.
- Represented a technology consulting firm in arbitration before the American Arbitration Association in a dispute involving a \$2 billion outsourcing services agreement.
- Represented a health insurer in nationwide ERISA and RICO class actions regarding proper reimbursement methodologies for out-of-network claims.
- Represented a health insurer in putative class action brought by subscribers and treatment facilities claiming breach of contract, bad faith insurance practices and violation of Pennsylvania's consumer protection law regarding policies with substance abuse treatment claims.
- Represented a life insurance company in claims involving alleged fraud and breach of contract by agents relating to the sale of whole life policies with a vanishing premium.
- Represented a life insurance company regarding the payment of death benefits to the allegedly incorrect beneficiary.
- Represented a reinsurance agent in claim for brokerage fees owed after the coverage was placed and the client changed to a new broker to service the account.
- Represented a policyholder airline in the Legion Insurance liquidation in a case of first impression before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; involved direct access to reinsurance for claims arising from the September 11 tragedy.
- Represented a policyholder media company in the Reliance Insurance liquidation in

claims for direct access to reinsurance.