



Stefan R. Dandelles

Overview

Stefan Dandelles is a co-managing partner of the firm's Chicago office and chair of the Fidelity & Crime Practice Group. He focuses his practice primarily on the financial services industry, representing domestic and London-based financial institution underwriters, as well as representing securities brokers, investment advisors and broker-dealers in regulatory investigations, arbitration proceedings before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the American Arbitration Association, and civil litigation in both state and federal courts throughout the country. Mr. Dandelles also regularly handles complex insurance coverage matters involving financial institution bonds, commercial crime policies, employment practices liability, directors and officers liability and bankers' professional liability. His diverse practice also includes the defense of professional liability claims involving attorneys, directors and officers, and other miscellaneous professionals, employment practices, and commercial/consumer litigation involving the Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Mr. Dandelles is a frequent presenter at industry conferences and has been published numerous times.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Dandelles was a partner and practice team leader in the Chicago office of a large national firm. He also draws on his experience as an owner/operator of a restaurant, bar, and catering business. He instills in his practice an appreciation for the true value of time and money from a "client" perspective, as well as the attention to detail necessary on a daily basis in order to run a successful operation.

Admissions

- Illinois
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court
 - Northern District of Illinois
 - Eastern District of Wisconsin
 - Northern District of Indiana
 - Eastern District of Michigan
 - District of Nebraska
 - Western District of Wisconsin



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Related Practices

- FINRA/AAA Arbitrations (Customer & Industry Disputes)
- Financial Services
- Fidelity and Crime
- Insurance Coverage & Litigation
- Education
- Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions - Defense
- Employment Practices Liability
- Regulatory Defense and Counseling
- Compliance Reviews
- Directors and Officers (D&O)
- Defense of Investment Professionals in Civil Court Actions
- Data Privacy
- Data Privacy & Cybersecurity

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law - J.D., with distinction
- University of Wisconsin–Madison - B.A.

Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association, Fidelity and Surety Law Committee
- Hellenic Bar Association
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- Fidelity Law Association
- Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

Awards

Recognition

- Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2009 – 2013)

Publications

- Solving the Jigsaw Puzzle of Employee Dishonesty Claims, American Bar Association "The Brief," author Stefan Dandelles, Esq.
- Seventh Circuit Kicks Questions Regarding Accrual of BIPA Violation to Illinois Supreme Court
- Statute of limitations on biometric data privacy claims in Illinois clarified, Biometric Update.com, featuring Stefan Dandelles, Jean Liu, Sept 20, 2021
- Breaking News - Illinois Appellate Court Rules on BIPA Statute of Limitations: It's Complicated
- The Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act Remains Firm as Attempt at Reform was Halted
- Proposed Reform to the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act May Soften the Nation's Toughest Biometric Privacy Law
- Seventh Circuit Finds that Certain BIPA Violations Cause Injury Sufficient to Confer Article III Standing
- Ruling against Facebook could propel additional biometric lawsuits, Business Insurance, ft. Stefan Dandelles
- Stefan Dandelles Weighs in on Impact of Recent Ninth Circuit Decision Involving Facebook and BIPA
- Illinois and Federal Law Surrounding the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act Continues to Evolve with Recent 9th Circuit Decision
- KD Alert: Cook County Circuit Court Decides that a Five Year Statute of Limitations Applies to BIPA Cases
- KD Alert: Illinois Supreme Court Issues Watershed Six Flags Illinois "BIPA" Decision Allowing Claims for Technical Violations of Act
- The Fidelity Recovery Playbook: Practical Strategies for Maximizing Recovery, American Bar Association
- 4 Tips For Companies To Shield Against Phishing Scams, Law360, ft. Stefan Dandelles
- Fool Me Once: Insurance Coverage for Social Engineering Scams Under Judicial Review, PropertyCasualty360

- *Insurance Cases To Watch In 2018*, Law360, ft. Stefan Dandelles
- *Supreme Court Decision in 401(k) Case May Have Profound Effect on Fiduciary Debate*, Investment News

Past Publications

- "Recent Developments in Insurance Coverage Litigation," (Winter 2011) ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice (TIPS) Law Journal.
- Dandelles, S., Brown, D., Leone, B. "Funds Transfer Fraud: How Simplified Banking Impacts Financial Institution Bond Coverage,"(January 2011) , ABA, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section.
- Dandelles, S., Tranen, D. "Warehouse Lending Losses Due to Forged Promissory Notes - Are Financial Institution Bonds Susceptible?"(March 2009), DRI – For the Defense.
- "Are Insurers Entitled to an Attorney-Client Privilege?"(Summer 2006), Fidelity Law Report.
- Dandelles, S., Chittenden, W. "Alternative Dispute Resolution," (1999) International Legal Strategy, Volume VIII.

Presentations

- "Causation: When Does Direct Mean Direct?," Bankers Underwriting Group, December 3, 2015, London, England.
- "The Other 'Agreements' You Need to Know About," ABA TIPS FLSC Fall 2013 Seminar: Everything You Need to Know About Modern Bond Claims, November 6 - 8, 2013, Boston, MA.
- "FINRA Rule 4360 – Midyear Review," Bankers Underwriting Group, June 27, 2012, London, England.
- "Attorney Client Privilege," Lloyd's Market Association, May 23, 2012, New York, NY.
- "Funds Transfer Fraud: How Simplified Banking Impacts Financial Institution Bond Coverage," ABA, Fidelity and Surety Law Committee Midwinter Meeting, January 2011.
- "Subprime Meltdown = Litigation Stimulus?," Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel, September 11, 2009, Chicago, IL.
- "Warehouse Lending Losses Due to Forged Promissory Notes - Are Financial Institution Bonds Susceptible?," DRI Fidelity and Surety Roundtable, May 2009.
- "Subprime Mortgage Crisis," PLUS, Northwest Chapter, October 28, 2008, , Portland, OR.
- "Subprime Meltdown and Worldwide Credit Crisis - Impact on U.S. Litigation," Lloyd's Market Association, October 6, 2008, New York, NY.
- "Subprime Mortgage Crisis," PLUS, Northwest Chapter, April 22, 2008, Seattle, WA.

News

- *Kaufman Dolowich Attorneys Leading Presentations at The American Bar Association's Fidelity & Surety Law Committee Fall Conference, 10-2-2023*
- *Chicago Team of Kaufman Dolowich, LLP Has Moved into a New Office Space*
- *Illinois Supreme Court Declares That Workers Comp Act Does Not Preempt Statutory Damages Under BIPA*
- *Seventh Circuit Kicks Questions Regarding Accrual of BIPA Violation to Illinois Supreme Court*

- *Law Alert: Seventh Circuit Defers to Illinois Supreme Court on When a Claim Accrues Under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act*
- *Statute of limitations on biometric data privacy claims in Illinois clarified, Biometric Update.com, featuring Stefan Dandelles, Jean Liu, Sept 20, 2021*
- *Breaking News - Illinois Appellate Court Rules on BIPA Statute of Limitations: It's Complicated*
- *The Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act Remains Firm as Attempt at Reform was Halted*
- *Proposed Reform to the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act May Soften the Nation's Toughest Biometric Privacy Law*
- *Seventh Circuit Finds that Certain BIPA Violations Cause Injury Sufficient to Confer Article III Standing*
- *KD Financial News Alert: SEC Unveils Its Examination Priorities for 2017*
- *KD Financial News Alert: FINRA Sets Its To-Do List for 2017*
- *KD Law Alert: "Finally, It's Final . . . For Now"*
- *KD Law Alert: DOL Fiduciary Rule Released*
- *KD Law Alert: U.S. Department of Labor Fiduciary Rule*
- *KD Alert: "While You Were Waiting . . ." An Update on the Proposed Uniform Fiduciary Standard for the Financial Industry*
- *KD Alert: The Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations ("OCIE") of the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC") released its Examination Priorities for 2016 ("Priorities")*
- *KD Alert: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") Released its 2016 Regulatory and Examination Priorities Letter*
- *KD Alert: Chicago Minimum Wage Increase Takes Effect July 1, 2015*
- *KD Alert: Supreme Court Keeps Monday Morning Quarterbacks on the Bench – No Second Guessing Sincerely Held Opinions Under §11 of the Securities Act*
- *KD Alert: Illinois Legislature Considers Codification of the Independent Counsel Doctrine in Illinois*
- *KD Alert: FINRA Authorizes Mid-Case Disciplinary Referrals in Arbitration*

Speaking Engagements

- *Stefan Dandelles, Chair of Fidelity & Crime Practice Group Speaking at ABA Conference TIPS Section and FSLC, November 11, 2021: Employee Dishonesty and Employee Theft*
- *Stefan R. Dandelles, panelist at ABA conference Fidelity from the Ground Up, November 11: "Employee Dishonesty and Employee Theft", ABA conference of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) and the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee (FSLC)*
- *Stefan R. Dandelles Speaker at 2019 Axis Fidelity Symposium in Chicago: Malware and Jackpotting: New Wave of ATM Fraud and How the Insurance Industry Might Respond*
- *Stefan Dandelles Speaker at Lloyd's Market Association, October 9, 2018: US Errors & Omissions: State Law & Jurisdictional Issues*
- *Stefan R. Dandelles Speaker at ABA: An Analysis of Fidelity Claims for the Modern World: Stefan R. Dandelles, Kaufman Dolowich Voluck, LLP, Chicago, IL*
- *Stefan Dandelles and Gregg Breitbart, Presenters at 2016 IBDC Annual Conference: FINRA and SEC "Hot Topics"*
- *Stefan Dandelles, Presenting at 2016 ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Fidelity & Surety Law Committee's Fall Meeting: General Agreement (D): Representation of Insured/Recession*
- *"Manipulation and Impersonation: The Hallmarks of Social Engineering" CLM Webinar Presentation by Stefan Dandelles: Manipulation and Impersonation:*

- *"Rescission & Misrepresentations by the Insured," October 5, 2023, American Bar Association Fidelity & Surety Law Committee Fall Conference: The Financial Institution Bond and Commercial Crime Policy: Principles and Annotations.*
- *"Employee Dishonesty and Employee Theft", November 11, 2021, ABA Conference, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) and the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee (FSLC) "Fidelity from the Ground Up: The Basis and Beyond.*