



Thibaut Gribelin

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OVERVIEW

Thibaut Gribelin is an insurance recovery lawyer whose practice focuses on managing and defending claims on behalf of policyholders. He has developed a strong experience in claim management and optimization of communications with insurers until coverage is granted. From the outset of a loss, he assists his clients with insurance policy analysis, team coordination, appointment of technical experts or loss adjusters, and negotiations on coverage.

As insurance recovery litigator, Thibaut assists policyholders under a broad range of insurance policies such as fraud, cyber risks, product recall/liability, property damage, business interruption, and professional liability. More recently, he has started acting on behalf of crypto-assets holders claiming coverage against insurers covering blockchain related risks.

During the course of his career, he has built a strong understanding in the banking industry and is representing banks, financial institutions, and traders seeking coverage under banker's blanket bond, political risks, and marine policies.

In his pro bono practice, Thibaut is representing victims of medical negligence.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Thibaut has been trained as both an insolvency practitioner and insurance lawyer. He has been practicing as a litigator for more than ten years now before the courts of Paris and France.

Before being admitted to the Paris bar in 2014, he gave lectures on property law at University Lyon III.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 EMEA* as a Recommended Lawyer for Insurance in France, 2024

EDUCATION

- Lawyer qualification, EDARA, 2013

- LL.M., EM Lyon Business School, 2013
- Master 2, Jean Moulin University Lyon 3, 2011
- Master 1, Jean Moulin University Lyon 3, 2010

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Paris

LANGUAGES

- English
- French

NEWS & EVENTS

- 22 June 2023, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Throughout Europe Recognized in 2024 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Commercial Disputes

INDUSTRIES

- Artificial Intelligence
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Successfully argued pro bono case for a victim of medical negligence before the French Supreme Court, which resulted in enforcement of EU precedents on bankers' duty to advise consumers within domestic banking law.
- Counsel for Asian branch of a European bank after the discovery of forged documents issued by several Hong Kong and Singapore shipping and trading companies, having generated a loss of 90 million USD.
- Counsel for the commodities department of a leading bank after the misappropriation of gold bullion valued 455 million USD, which had to be held on consignment by a Middle East jewelry company group.

- Co-counsel for a commodities trading company against the marine risk insurers of copper and aluminum shipments in China valued 300 million USD, which were misappropriated or seized while in port warehouse. The majority of the claims arising from the misappropriated metals was successfully settled.
- Counsel for banks and commodities traders having suffered losses arising out of misappropriation or theft of large quantities of wheat located in either Kazakhstan or Egypt while stored in port or SMA silos.
- Insurance claims for leading water providers and chemical product producers in connection with claims made in the US and putative class actions arising out of completed operations.
- Counsel for a leading supplier of commercial aviation windshields, which successfully obtained coverage of product recall costs.
- Insurance claims on behalf of property owners, hotels, high fashion industries, design and construction businesses, tour operators, casinos, car parts retailers and event planners against insurers covering physical damage and business interruptions.
- Counsel for banks and IT companies having suffered credit cards counterfeiting and cyber-attacks, which successfully obtained coverage for their financial losses, business interruption, mitigation costs and crisis management expenses.
- Counsel for crypto-assets holders against ETH related blockchain insurers covering losses arising out of stable coin depeg.
- Co-counsel for a leading payment services provider within multijurisdictional disputes in France, Switzerland and Italy, and criminal proceedings in connection with suspicious third-party wire transfers in and outside Europe.