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White And Williams Elevates New Subrogation Dept. Chair

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Law360 (January 9, 2025, 4:04 PM EST) -- White and Williams LLP has elevated a longtime subrogation partner to chair of the firm's subrogation department, in which he has practiced for more than 30 years.

The firm, which is headquartered in Philadelphia, announced Wednesday that it had tapped Chris Konzelmann as chair, taking over for outgoing department head Ed Jaeger, who held the position for nine years. Konzelmann has been with White and Williams' subrogation department for his entire 36-year career.

When Konzelmann first joined White and Williams, it was one of the few firms to operate a property subrogation practice, he told Law360 in an email, noting the department was significantly smaller then.



Chris Konzelmann

"I was fortunate to be assigned to the group as a young lawyer and enjoyed the work," Konzelmann said. "The practice is interesting because subrogation lawyers are involved in almost every significant property loss and we forensically investigate and litigate a wide variety of claims, from catastrophic fires in commercial buildings to recurring product failures that may result in a product recall."

With a bachelor's degree from La Salle University, Konzelmann began work at White and Williams as a part-time law clerk in 1988 while attending Widener University School of Law.

On earning his law degree in 1990, Konzelmann began full-time work as an associate at White and Williams. He became a firm partner in 2000.

Konzelmann said a shared goal and mindset have kept him practicing with White and Williams throughout his career.

"I take great pride in leading a dedicated team of 48 professionals within the subrogation department. Together, we will continue to focus on delivering outstanding client service and achieving strong results," Konzelmann wrote in an announcement on his LinkedIn page. "I look forward to this new chapter and appreciate the support from my clients, colleagues and family throughout my career."

In additional statements to Law360, Konzelmann said the firm is "focused on ensuring that all members of our team have the flexibility to achieve an appropriate work/life balance. This means not getting consumed by the work at the expense of family — and for me personally, continuing to run fire calls as a captain in the Moorestown Fire Department [in New Jersey] where I volunteer a considerable amount of time."

In addition to being a firefighter, fire instructor and fire captain, Konzelmann is a member of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals, the firm said.

Firm managing partner Tim Davis said he looked forward to Konzelmann's leadership in the role.

"As a firm with a long-standing nationally recognized subrogation practice, it is crucial that we choose

strong leaders who will continue our mission of growth and client service excellence," Davis said. "We are grateful for Ed Jaeger's outstanding leadership and growth of the practice over the last nine years. I have every confidence that Chris will succeed in filling this role, and I am excited to see where this practice goes from here."

A full-service firm, White and Williams maintains 10 East Coast offices from Massachusetts to Maryland.

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