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Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney lawyer Paul S. Callaghan has more than 25 years' experience representing major insurance companies, their policyholders, and local, national and international corporations in a wide variety of litigation matters in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

A partner with Higgins Cavanagh, Callaghan has tried more than 30 cases to conclusion and has numerous reported decisions from the Rhode Island Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island and the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In the insurance coverage area of his practice, Callaghan handles disputes involving extra-contractual liability, claims handling, insurance fraud, breach of contract, coverage and bad faith.

Among his many coverage wins, Callaghan obtained summary judgment in trial court on behalf of a leading property and casualty insurer against assertions that a two-

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Paul Callaghan is the only attorney in the state recognized in the field of insurance defense. *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly* defines a "Go To Lawyer" as someone who is a senior expert in his field, has an extensive record of success, routinely receives referrals from other lawyers due to his expertise, and thinks creatively to identify all options for a client.

year limitations provision in a policy did not apply to the contract's appraisal clause.

The state Supreme Court subsequently upheld the decision, finding that arbitration of damages payable under the policy was time-barred by the plain language of the contract.

Callaghan also litigates construction cases involving defects, bodily injury, property damage, contracts, sureties, arbitration, indemnification, and insurance. He obtained a defense verdict in favor of a major New England construction company in a case in which the plaintiff demanded \$3 million in damages for personal injuries allegedly sustained in a slip-and-fall at a large construction site.

Callaghan handles products liability cases on behalf of corporate clients in the machinery, automobile and food products industries. And as an avid boater, he has a particular interest in admiralty and maritime matters including maritime torts, bodily injury, property damage, and salvage cases.