



## Michael J. Crisera

### Areas of Practice

Insurance Coverage Law  
Commercial Litigation

### Education

University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2000)  
Georgetown University (B.A., 1996)

### Admitted to Practice

Washington State and Federal Courts

### Activities & Awards

2011 - Selected for inclusion in Washington *Rising Stars*  
2009 - Selected for inclusion in Washington Law & Politics *Rising Star* Edition  
2008 - Selected for inclusion in Washington Law & Politics *Rising Star* Edition  
2007 - Selected for inclusion in Washington Law & Politics *Rising Star* Edition  
2006 - Selected for inclusion in Washington Law & Politics *Rising Star* Edition

Member, Salvation Army King County Advisory Board  
Chair, Salvation Army Leadership Council

Mike is a litigator who handles a wide variety of commercial disputes including insurance coverage, unfair trade practice claims, shareholder/partnership disputes, contract disputes, trade secret claims, unlawful competition claims, CPA violations and employee discrimination claims.

Mike has tried cases in both Washington state and federal courts. His practice now emphasizes insurance coverage litigation on behalf of policy holders.

He has been selected for inclusion in the "Rising Star" Edition of Washington Law & Politics magazine for four consecutive years. A Seattle native, Mike earned a B.A. in History from Georgetown University. He received his J.D. degree from the University of Michigan School of Law.

Mike is a member of the Salvation Army's King County Advisory Board

### Representative Cases

#### Sundowner Owners Association v. Truck Insurance Exchange

Obtained a summary judgment ruling finding that a condominium owners association's insurer violated Washington's Consumer Protection Act by handling the association's insurance claim in an unfair and deceptive manner.

#### Windsong Condominium Association v. Bankers Standard Insurance Company

Assisted in obtaining a \$500,000 insurance coverage settlement for water damage for a condominium owners association. Prior to the settlement, helped obtain an order declaring that the association's fifteen-year-old policy covered water damage, and then gathered evidence indicating that water damage had occurred during the policy's coverage period.

#### Rego v. Sasco, Inc.

Representing an electrical contractor, defeated a former employee's federal sex harassment and retaliation claims. Facing a plaintiff seeking damages exceeding \$400,000, conducted extensive discovery, and successfully moved to dismiss the plaintiff's claims on summary judgment.

#### Sunset Air, Inc. v. Thompson

Representing an HVAC contractor, sued two former employees and obtained injunctive relief barring their ongoing use of the client's trade secrets.