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John Kutner defends Fortune 500 companies, insurance carriers, and third-party administrators in various areas of law including employment and workers' compensation.

John also handles workers' compensation litigation for large transport companies.

John is Chair of our Cannabis and Opioid Industry Team.

John is well versed in state and federal marijuana laws and their impact on employers with regard to employer/employee rights, workers' compensation, and the affect they may have on insurance carriers and third-party administrators. John consults with employers, insurance carriers and attorneys. John frequently presents on the issues created by marijuana legalization.

**Experience**

- ***Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.***
- Obtained a dismissal in a matter for a large national retail chain in a previously accepted claim after determining the employee failed to inform his treating doctor's about his prior accidents. Through investigation it was discovered that the employee had two prior motor vehicle accidents wherein he had filed lawsuits for each. After cross examining the petitioner on why he failed to inform the doctors of his prior injuries the Judge recommended the matter resolve for a small Section 20.
- Secured a dismissal, of a previously compensable case, through the use of a employee's public Facebook information. An investigation revealed that employee's Facebook contradicted his prior testimony. When questioned,

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**Industries**

Insurance  
Cannabis and Opioids

**Practices**

Workers' Compensation  
Employment  
Litigation

**Education**

New York Law School, J.D., 2004  
Fordham University, B.A., 1999

**Bar Admissions**

New Jersey

- the employee changed his testimony on the stand.
- Resolved a claim for S. 20 when our expert found the employee's occupational exposure aggravated her pre-existing bi-polar condition. Before the trial the Judge insisted we pay permanency as well as continue providing her medications needed to keep her at baseline. As a result of our continued denial, we began trial and were able to draw out in testimony that while the statements made by co-employee supervisors to the petitioner were not expressed in the best manner, the statements were merited criticism. The final resolution saved the client more than \$30,000 in future medical treatment as well as closed out re-opener rights.

#### **Professional & Community Involvement**

Member of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce