

# Novara Law Adds Commercial Insurance Division

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Novara Tesija Catenacci McDonald & Baas, PLLC (Novara Law) is pleased to announce that it has added a Commercial Insurance Division and expanded its insurance defense services with the addition of partner Karen Liberty Ludden, who will lead the new division, and principals Sarah Brutman and Eric Wagman.

“We are excited to have Karen, Eric and Sarah join our team. They have an impressive depth of knowledge and experience in all aspects of commercial defense including trucking, nursing home negligence, and insurance coverage matters,” said Michael A. Novara, Managing Partner & CEO. “With their addition to the firm, we have been able to significantly expand our already deep bench, and capabilities, for our insurance clients.”

For 25+ years, Karen Liberty Ludden has represented insurance carriers, businesses, non-profits, banks and municipalities in cases involving insurance coverage and liability defense. She is known for her negotiating skills and her practical and efficient method of handling complex insurance coverage and defense matters for insurance carriers, commercial insureds and private clients. She specializes in negotiating global resolutions in complex cases involving product liability, general contractor liability, subcontractor liability, trucking accidents, personal auto accidents, dram shop, class actions, premises liability, arson, property damage, contract disputes and municipal defense.

Sarah Brutman has nearly 20 years of experience representing insurance carriers in complex first and third-party coverage matters. She also represents commercial insureds in general liability, property damage, trucking liability and premises liability matters.

Eric Wagman has over a decade of legal experience and concentrates his practice in commercial general liability defense litigation. He has extensive experience representing commercial insureds in lawsuits involving premises liability, trucking and auto negligence, dram shop violations, professional negligence, and product liability claims through all phases of litigation, including discovery, settlement negotiations, facilitation, trial, and appeal.

## PROFESSIONALS

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Sarah J. Brutman

Karen Liberty Ludden

Eric M. Wagman

## PRACTICE AREAS

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

Appeals

Commercial Insurance

Insurance Coverage

Insurance Defense

Litigation

Transportation

Novara Law's Insurance Defense Group has a broad range of experience and a record of success handling all aspects of personal lines and commercial litigation. They have negotiated for, and litigated alongside, many industry groups and major insurance companies in the U.S., including Fortune 500 companies.

Novara, Tesija, Catenacci, McDonald, & Baas PLLC has roots in the Detroit area for 40 years and also serves clients from offices in Las Vegas and Toledo, Ohio. It is the 10th largest firm in Southeast Michigan and 14th largest overall in the state according to *Crain's Detroit Business* Largest Law Firms of 2021. More about Novara Law can be found at [www.novaralaw.com](http://www.novaralaw.com).