

Rising Star: Holwell Shuster's Daniel Horowitz

By Hope Patti

Law360 (August 13, 2026, 4:28 PM EDT) -- Daniel Horowitz of Holwell Shuster & Goldberg LLP has secured major wins for Chubb in disputes over coverage for opioid litigation and social media addiction suits, earning him a spot among the insurance law practitioners under age 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

His recent big case:

Horowitz played a key role as a member of the Holwell Shuster team representing Chubb in a dispute over coverage for thousands of lawsuits accusing social media giant Meta of designing its platforms to be addictive to adolescents.

In November 2024, a pair of Hartford units filed suit against Meta, and joined the social media giant's other primary insurers, including Chubb. Meta responded by removing the suit to Delaware federal court and filing its own suit in California federal court in an attempt to pause any coverage litigation until the underlying cases concluded. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation later transferred the coverage litigation to the sprawling social media addiction multidistrict litigation in California.

However, in May 2025, Horowitz prevailed in arguing that the insurers' suit should be remanded to Delaware state court and that Meta's suit should be dismissed.

Horowitz was again successful in arguing before the Delaware Superior Court that the insurers have no duty to defend Meta against the underlying suits. Delaware Superior Court Judge Sheldon K. Rennie granted partial summary judgment to Meta's insurers in February, finding that the underlying suits exclusively allege harm arising from deliberate conduct, and therefore are not covered. Meta has since appealed to the Delaware Supreme Court.

"I think the merits issues and the insurance coverage issues are

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pretty straightforward, but what's made it so interesting to work on has been the very zealous advocacy and impressive lawyering on both sides," Horowitz said.

Having the Delaware Superior Court cite two other cases that he and his team played a large role in briefing and advocating for added another layer of excitement to the win, he said.

The February ruling cited the state high court's August 2025 decision in *In re: CVS Opioid Insurance Litigation*, in which the justices held that Chubb and other insurers did not owe coverage for government, hospital and third-party payor claims for economic losses related to CVS's opioid dispensing practices.

The ruling also looked to the Ninth Circuit's January 2024 decision in *AIU Insurance Co. et al. v. McKesson Corp.* In that case, the appeals court affirmed that Chubb and another insurer had no duty to defend the pharmaceutical company against claims that it intentionally over-distributed opioids because the three underlying bellwether suits at issue "describe purely deliberate conduct."

Holwell Shuster and Horowitz represented Chubb in both opioid coverage actions.

"To be able to work on those cases, see those successes through, and then have those decisions used in a subsequent case where we also prevailed at the trial court makes the case really fun and interesting in a different way that I hadn't experienced before," Horowitz said.

His proudest moment as an attorney:

For Horowitz, one of the most gratifying moments of his career was when he secured his pro bono client's return from Cuba during asylum proceedings.

Horowitz said his client was detained while the proceedings were pending, and subsequently deported to Cuba when the Board of Immigration Appeals rejected the man's application for asylum.

The Holwell Shuster partner said he continued to represent and advocate for his client, which ultimately resulted in the Fifth Circuit and BIA vacating the deportation order. He then coordinated with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to facilitate his client's return to the United States.

"Taking that case as far as we took it and having it result in my client being returned from deportation, that's got to be my proudest moment as an attorney," Horowitz said.

"Earlier in the proceedings, sometimes it can feel somewhat like a lost cause, and it really wasn't," he added.

What motivates him:

Whether litigating a coverage case or a pro bono matter, Horowitz said he is motivated by a great sense of responsibility to his and Holwell Shuster's clients.

When clients hire the firm, "there's an expectation that they're going to get really excellent and top-notch legal advice and representation," Horowitz said. "I feel that responsibility; I want to make sure that they get that and that we're able to meet that expectation."

Why he's an insurance attorney:

"I think of myself, first and foremost, really as a litigator and a generalist at that," Horowitz said.

The firm handles complex commercial matters across a variety of subject matters, and that goes for him, as well, he said.

"I've worked on a lot of antitrust cases, contract disputes, what have you," Horowitz said. "I also feel a great privilege to have worked on the many insurance matters that I've worked on over the better part of the last decade."

He added that being able to bring a generalist perspective to some of the major coverage cases he has had the opportunity to work on has borne fruit.

--As told to Hope Patti. Editing by Patrick Reagan.

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