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About Joe

Joe is an accomplished attorney, focusing his practice on coverage, bad faith, professional liability defense, and complex litigation in state and federal courts. Joe provides coverage opinions relating to personal and commercial lines of insurance. These include claims pertaining to automobile, homeowner, special investigation, commercial general liability, aviation, professional liability, employment, directors and officers, and life and disability matters. Joe addresses coverage and bad faith issues arising under the laws from coast to coast. He has handled more than 500 special investigation claims for insurers.

In his professional liability practice, Joe defends attorneys, accountants, dentists, insurance agents, real estate agents, mortgage loan brokers, appraisers, architects, professional engineers, and homeowner associations.

Joe works to resolve cases by negotiation and mediation. When necessary, Joe proceeds to verdict in arbitration, trial, and appellate practice.

For several years, Joe served on the State Bar of California's Committee on Professional Liability Insurance. The committee oversaw the state bar-approved Lawyers Professional Liability Insurance Program. He previously served on the State Bar of California's Committee on Administration of Justice, which studied and reported recommendations on proposed changes in civil procedure, court rules and administration, rules of evidence, and other matters impacting the administration of justice in the civil courts.

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Construction; Healthcare; Insurance;
Life, Health, Disability & ERISA ; Professional Services; Real Estate

Services: Bad Faith, Market Conduct & Extra-Contractual Liability;
Complex Commercial Litigation ; Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling;
Labor & Employment

Initiatives: Lawyers for the Profession®

Recognition

- Martin-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rating

Credentials

Education

University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, JD, 1977

University of California at Davis, BA, 1973

Diablo Valley College, AA, 1971

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US District Court for the Central District of California

US District Court for the Eastern District of California

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US District Court for the Southern District of California

Interests

Did you know...

Joe plays trumpet in the Contra Costa Wind Symphony and leads an 18-piece big band called “It’s About Time.”

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- “Puff, The Magic Negotiating Tool,” American Bar Association Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE seminar, March 4, 2016
- “Bending the Cost Curve in Long-Tail Liability Coverage: The Berkshire Hathaway Strategy,” American Bar Association Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE seminar, March 6, 2015

Privacy, Cyber & AI Decoded Alert

- Practical Tips to Mitigate the Risk of Being Hacked by Fake IRS or Google Voice Scams, Nov 3, 2021