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About Robert

Robert's practice encompasses complex insurance coverage and defense litigation on behalf of major commercial general liability and professional lines insurers throughout the United States. He is experienced in defending professional liability actions, including claims against lawyers, accountants, real estate agents, and insurance agents. Robert has represented insurers in co-insurer contribution actions and has defended partnership dissolution disputes and commercial contract litigation, including claims based on promissory estoppel.

Robert's Affiliations

- The State Bar of California

Areas of Focus

Industries: Energy & Environment; Insurance; Insurance Regulatory & Compliance;

Professional Services; Real Estate; Reinsurance

Services: Complex Commercial Litigation ; Environmental ;

Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling; Intellectual Property; Litigation & Trial

Initiatives: Lawyers for the Profession®

Experience

- Drafted a policy exclusion for Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) claims for a major insurance group.
- Obtained the first judgment in California, on behalf of an employment practices liability insurer, that California public policy precluded insurability of class action claims for earned but unpaid overtime wages.
- Served as attorneys' fee liaison counsel for all defending insurers in the largest dry cleaner environmental cleanup dispute in the United States. Achieved a settlement favorable for the insurers, including modification of the environmental remediation judgment and consent decree.
- Pursued coverage litigation on behalf of related CGL primary and excess insurers having the largest coverage segment of the Southern and Northern California clergy molestation claims.
- Counseled related primary and excess insurers as to appellate and settlement strategy regarding coverage litigation arising out of national MDL class claims for defective home siding. The represented insurers' exposure exceeded half a billion dollars.
- Obtained the first judgment in California, on behalf of an attorneys' professional liability insurer, that insurance could not indemnify an attorneys' fee award under Federal Rule 11.

Recognition

- *Northern California Super Lawyers*, 2011 – 2013, 2015 – 2016

Credentials

Education

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, JD, 1976

Oberlin College, AB, 1972

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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...

Robert is a classical pianist and a car enthusiast.

Thought Leadership

Publications

- “*Esquenazi* decision interprets the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act,” co-author, *InsideCounsel*, July 15, 2014
- “How to effectively manage litigation of FCPA claims,” co-author, *InsideCounsel*, June 04, 2014
- “Managing the law of unintended consequences with lessons from BP and Gulliver,” co-author, *InsideCounsel*, May 02, 2014
- “Insurance Practices and Coverage in Liability Defense, Second Edition,” (formerly “Defending the Insured”), co-author, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, December 2013
- “Fall From Coverage,” *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, November 28, 2006
- “Defending the Insured,” co-author, Aspen Publishers, Inc. ed., April 2005
- “A Practical Approach To Implementing Recovery Under *Buss*,” *Underwriter’s Report*, September 1997
- “How To Use A Legal Audit Report – Volume 2,” *Legal Audit Review*, May 1994