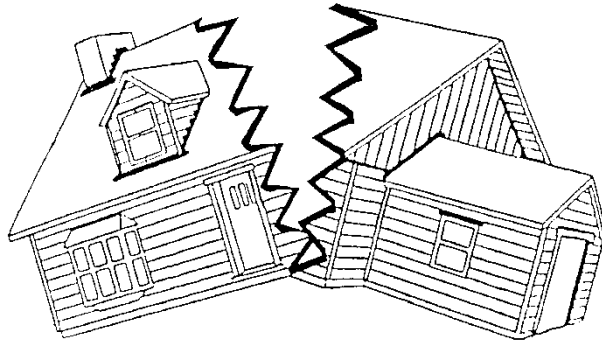


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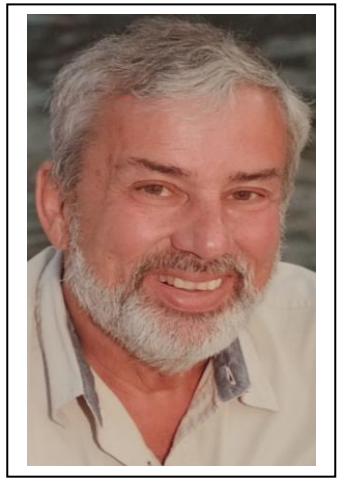
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Many have said why do we consider ourselves the undeniable leader regarding education of the construction defect community. The answer is simple, there remains no question that since 1993, the West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar series has become the undeniable leader regarding education of the construction defect community because not only is this a get-together of some of the best minds of our community but because of our seminar and the ideas created here we have been successful in creating methods to positively change the way these cases are handled, the laws that surround them here in California and throughout the United States.

Many say our seminar has become an institution, a staple and a landmark for construction defect issues across the globe and the only reason we have achieved that status is because we concentrate our efforts on the most important people in this community, the attendees of our yearly events who step forward every year with their own thoughts and ideas to help reduce the costs and frustrations these cases bring.

I think that based on our knowledge, our experience and the many supporters who have come to help us over the years, we believe that in May 2026 we will go forward with a wonderful event at the Disneyland Resort.

If you attended any of our seminar events, you already know that in the construction defect community we have always been a social community despite our many differences and it is that need for social contact, under the best conditions available, we can go forward again in May 2026.

In the months ahead, we will be working with some of old partners and some new partners, developing ideas that will address our seminar for 2026 with new ideas and new technologies to ensure that this community stays on top of what is developing in the construction defect community. We have been hearing from those in the community regarding what they want to hear about in 2026.

As many of you already know we dedicate a lot of time to listening to those we serve at our seminars and we prepare our events with the ideas, suggestions and goals of the attendees in mind. Toward that end, we use our knowledge and experience to make positive changes for both our attendees and our speakers which will culminate with the seminar itself.

But like in past years, we are always looking for hot topics of interest and topics on the emerging trends of this specialized area of claims and law which are important to you, your industry and/or the construction defect community at large.

With this Seminar Invitation, you will begin to see some of the changes we have implemented for our seminar in 2026. At the time of the printing of this invitation and in the weeks and months ahead, we will be looking at many new technological achievements and advances whose tools we will be using at our 2026 seminar, a number of them you will see here and some we continue to work on.

In May 2026 many will venture to Anaheim, California to hear our talented speakers' views and opinions on the controversial topics of construction defect claims and litigation. Many will come to keep abreast of current case law, current technologies, current and developing techniques in this field of specialty. Many will come to glimpse into the future of where construction defect claims and litigation will be going and what is emerging on the horizon. But most importantly to this community, many will come to meet their colleagues, other counsel, judges, mediators, the vendors as well as the other attendees and certainly old friends in the world's oldest and largest venue regarding the educational aspects of construction defect claims and litigation.

So whether you are a returning attendee who seeks to participate again based on your past experiences with us or someone who has never participated at our yearly event before but wish to do so in 2026, I urge you to review these materials and use the submission process discussed in this packet as your guide to being included in our 2026 seminar.

If you believe you have an idea or a process that benefits this community as a whole, I invite and urge you to consider participation in our ongoing seminar series. Please feel free to contact me at any time as I'll always look forward to hearing from you.

I'll look forward to seeing you in May in Anaheim.

With best regards,

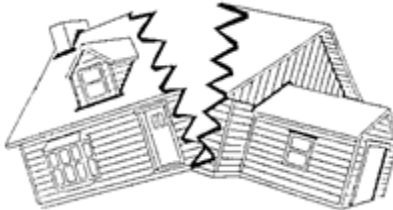
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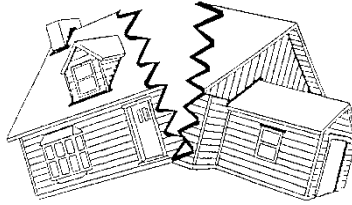
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Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Early Seminar Registration 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Disney Convention Center – La Strada Entry

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Registration and Breakfast - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
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9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Litigating in the Western States – A Judge’s Perspective

Holly Davies, Esq., Hon. Sue Kurita, Hon. Christopher Whitten,
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10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

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10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

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11:45 AM – 12:00PM

The “Ollie” and “Legends” Awards Presentation

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch - Seminar Registration Will be Closed During Lunch

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 14, 2026

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**Dual-Use Same Neutral; An Effective Two-Fer- Fact Finder/
Final Decision Maker and Mediator on Same Case**

Jon Terry, Esq., Hon. Victoria Chaney (ret), Robin Kahn
Brian Kahn, Esq., and Joe Duncan, Esq.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Breaking/Disrupting the Mold: Rethinking Liability, Risk, and Resolution in
CD Claims and Litigation**

Karen Rice, Brenda K. Radmacher, Esq., Phyllis Modlin, Esq.,
Lisa Cappelluti, Esq. and Jennifer Kalvestran, Esq.

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Cocktail Reception

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Registration and Breakfast - 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

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Grand Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Building the Next Generation of Construction

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Brian Kahn, Esq.,
Hon. Maria Hernandez,
Mary Lou Hutson,
David Harris, Esq.,
Jean Dalmore, Esq.
Sonya Pandian

South Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

**Winning Together: The New
Edge in Effective Negotiations**

Lisa Unger
Chad Dunigan, Esq.
Ken Kasden, Esq.
Craig Meredith, Esq.
Eric Michna

Grand Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

**Where's the Coverage? Trends in Policy
Language and How These
Trends Impact Coverage in Construction
Defect Litigation and Settlement**

Jane Young, Esq.
Rebecca Appelbaum, Esq.
Todd Jaworsky, Esq.
Peter Morgan, Esq.
Ava Musnicki

South Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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Joe Miele, Esq.
Kellie Caggiano, Esq.
John Cavo, Esq.
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Dermot Leech

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15, 2026

Grand Ballroom

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

It May Not Be All Wrapped Up with Your OCIP/CCIP

Brian Kahn, Esq.
Lindsay McCormack, Esq.
Gregory Newman, Esq.
Fernanda Aragon
Joe Oliva, Esq.

South Ballroom

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Snowballing Claims: How Little Problems Become Big Ethical Headaches

Cheryl Kozdrey, Esq.
Cameron Kalunian, Esq.
Cynthia Garcia

Grand Ballroom

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Catastrophe to Courtroom: How Natural Disasters Are Redefining Risk, Coverage, and Litigation

Steven Henning, Esq.
Phyllis Modlin, Esq.
Steve Lokus
Phil Collias
Scott Rembold, Esq.

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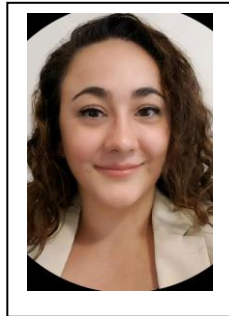
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**Rebecca C. Appelbaum, Esq., Managing Partner
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Rebecca primarily practices in the area of third party liability coverage including construction defect professional liability, and commercial auto. Rebecca also handles extra-contractual and appellate matters. Rebecca received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music in 1995 from Syracuse University. In 1997, she received her Master of Arts degree in Advertising from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University and her Juris Doctorate in 1998 from the Syracuse University College of Law. Rebecca has written and co-authored several articles about liability coverage for New Appleman on Insurance, Mealey's Bad Faith Reporter and the International Risk Management Institute. In addition, she contributed chapters to Defense Research Institute publications. Rebecca frequently speaks at insurance industry events including those organized by the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, West Coast Casualty and Perrin Conferences.



**Fernanda Aragon, CCP, ACP, Claims Director
Network Adjusters, Inc., Denver, CO**

Fernanda Aragon is a Claims Supervisor with Network Adjusters, Inc. with 10 years of experience managing complex, litigated construction defect claims. Throughout her career, she has developed deep expertise in navigating high-exposure matters involving multifaceted liability issues, expert coordination, and strategic resolution within the construction defect arena.



**Hon. Monica Bachner, Ret, Mediator/Arbitrator/Private Judge.
Judicate West, Los Angeles, CA**

Judge Bachner conducts mediations including business/commercial, employment, entertainment, insurance, intellectual property, professional negligence, real estate, personal injury and tort disputes. As part of the mediation process, Judge Bachner engages in pre-mediation telephone calls, and where requested by both parties, Judge Bachner issues mediator's proposals. As an Arbitrator, Judge Bachner is a member of the Judicate West Arbitration Panel involving employment, business/commercial, personal injury, fee dispute, medical malpractice, and real property cases, the Kaiser Permanente Member Office of Independent Administrator ("OIA") panel involving medical malpractice, wrongful death matters, and as OIA merits arbitrator for mass arbitrations. As part of these panels, Judge Bachner conducts arbitration case management conferences, issue tentative rulings for motions, preside over motion hearings and issue rulings, conduct informal discovery conferences, preside over arbitration hearings, and issue awards. As a Private Judge, Judge Bachner has been appointed as a Discovery Referee for all purposes, and to preside over specified depositions or motions. Judge Bachner has also been appointed a section 638 Referee to determine all of the issues in an action and to report a statement of decision.

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Mark A. Boyle, Esq., Managing Shareholder
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Mark A. Boyle is the managing shareholder of Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, P.A., with offices in Fort Myers, FL, Tampa, FL, and Charleston SC. He began his legal career working as an Assistant County Attorney for Pasco County in New Port Richey, Florida. Mr. Boyle began his foray into the world of insurance when he became associate general counsel for Armor Insurance Company in Tampa, Florida. In 1996, he entered into private practice with Fink & Lane, P.A., which is now known as Boyle, Leonard & Anderson, P.A. Mr. Boyle's current areas of practice include civil litigation, with a concentration in first and third party insurance disputes, including extra-contractual and bad faith matters. Mr. Boyle represents corporate and individual policyholders in insurance and risk management counseling, claims presentation, and litigation. Mr. Boyle was the principal attorney in *U.S. Fire Ins. Co. v. J.S.U.B., Inc.*, 979 So. 2d 871 (Fla.2007), at In 1990, Mr. Boyle received a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Science in Natural Sciences from the University of South Florida.



Kellie Caggiano, B.C.S., Shareholder
GrayRobinson, Tampa, FL

Kellie Caggiano has been practicing construction law for 23 years and is board-certified in Construction Law by The Florida Bar. She is a member of the GrayRobinson Construction Team and concentrates on a comprehensive range of liability defense matters. With over two decades of experience, she excels in defending contractors, subcontractors, developers, architects, engineers, and other professionals in complex construction litigation cases throughout Florida. Her focus areas include construction defect litigation, professional liability, wrongful death defense, and personal injury defense for construction entities. Kellie also handles transactional matters, including drafting construction contracts, resolving construction liens, and assisting with contract issues.



Lisa Cappelluti, Esq., Partner
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, San Francisco, CA

Lisa M. Cappelluti is a partner in the San Francisco office of Gordon & Rees and is a member of the Construction practice group. Her practice emphasizes the representation of developers and general contractors in construction disputes and contract consultations. She has represented clients in a wide variety of cases, for both residential and commercial construction projects including defense of habitability claims. Ms. Cappelluti also represents commercial and industrial clients in injury and premises liability matters throughout California. Ms. Cappelluti has substantial experience assisting developer and general contractor clients in construction litigation and contract matters. She represents clients throughout the state in pre-litigation disputes and construction litigation involving defect issues, construction site injuries, environmental issues, mold claims, contract and delay claims impacting both residential and commercial construction projects. In addition, Ms. Cappelluti has been instrumental in assisting clients in forming corporations, preparing residential development documents for associated real estate transactions, and preparing contracts for developer and construction clients. She also has advised her clients on the procurement and administration of WRAP/OCIP insurance policies. She frequently lectures to members of different contractor groups on construction issues, contract disputes and risk allocation issues facing the construction industry. She has published several articles for the construction industry. Ms. Cappelluti is admitted to practice in California. She earned her law degree from the University of San Francisco and her bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University. She served as the Chair of the State Bar of California Litigation Section and is a member of the Association of General Contractors, Association of Defense Counsel and Claims Resource Management where she regularly serves on panels.

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John Cavo, Esq. Partner
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John Cavo focuses his practice on insurance coverage litigation, including general liability, professional liability, auto, trucking, and directors and officers liability. He also counsels clients on all coverage-related matters, including bad faith avoidance and insurer best practices. Mr. Cavo handles all phases of coverage advice and litigation involving first-party property and business interruption issues nationwide, including catastrophic events (CAT). He has resolved claims related to Covid-19, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Wilma, Hurricane Matthew, and others. He places emphasis on early resolution of claims and litigated matters, including arbitration, mediation and appraisal. He also routinely assists business partners, including claims and underwriting teams, in identifying underwriting and coverage issues, as well as implementation of best practices from a risk management standpoint. Mr. Cavo also has extensive experience in appellate practice, previously serving as a lead appellate attorney in Miami.



Hon. Victoria Gerrard Chaney (Ret.), Mediator
ADR Services, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Hon. Victoria Gerrard Chaney (Ret.) is a distinguished mediator, arbitrator, referee, and appellate consultant with an illustrious career spanning more than four decades. Justice Chaney was confirmed to the California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division One in 2009 following nineteen years as a trial judge. Her experience as an appellate justice is broad and deep. She has handled an extensive array of cases including civil, criminal, family law, probate, dependency, and writs, both civil and criminal. Additionally, she has sat by appointment on the California Supreme Court and has served as a special master for the Commission on Judicial Performance. Justice Chaney was assigned to the Complex Litigation Division at Central Civil West Courthouse from its inception in 2000 until her nomination to the Court of Appeal in 2009. Her caseload included large class actions, mass torts, insurance coverage, construction defects, product liability actions, pharmaceutical claims, environmental claims, labor law, and Government disputes. As a judge, Justice Chaney was highly regarded for her judicial demeanor, intelligence, and case management skills. Her respectful and considerate approach fostered a professional and personable environment, and her analytical approach to complex legal issues demonstrated her formidable intellectual rigor. In trial, she skillfully managed cases involving dozens of attorneys, focusing on essential issues and facilitating effective resolutions. Attorneys consistently commended Justice Chaney's even-handedness, resulting in her reputation as one of the best judges in the division. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Justice Chaney served for eleven years in the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, including as Assistant City Attorney in the Civil Liability Division. Before that she was an associate with Dryden Harrington and Swartz. Her career in law followed an earlier profession in healthcare, where she worked as a registered nurse at the LAC-USC and Cedars-Sinai medical centers. She continues to hold active licenses as a registered and public health nurse.



Adrienne D. Cohen, Esq., Founder
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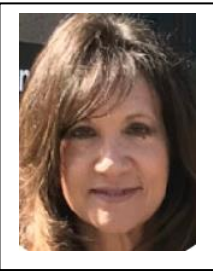
Adrienne D. Cohen is the founder and principal of the Law Offices of Adrienne D. Cohen, a ten-attorney firm with offices in Santa Ana and Novato, California. Ms. Cohen received her Juris Doctorate from the USC School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA. Ms. Cohen has represented major insurance companies and their insureds for over 20 years in the areas of insurance coverage and defense. Ms. Cohen is an executive board member and past president of the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court. She has been an instructor in the UCI paralegal program, where she taught legal writing, ethics and insurance law. Ms. Cohen is AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer. She is the recipient of the 2018 and 2024 West Coast Casualty Silver Star award for best subcontractor attorney and the 2025 Jerold Oliver award of Excellence. Ms. Cohen has tried many jury and court trials. She is a proud member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She has argued and won many appeals, including those dealing with complex coverage issues, including *Rosenbloom v. Hanour Corp.*, (1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 1477, *Travelers v. Transcontinental* (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th 949, *Parkwoods Community Association v. California Insurance Guarantee Association* (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 1362, and *Fort Bragg Unified School District v. Solano County Roofing Inc.* (2011) 141 Cal.App.4th 891, and *Bigler-Engler v. Breg, Inc.* 7 Cal.App.5th 276 (2017).

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**Philip Collias, Senior Vice President
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Philip Collias serves as Senior Vice President for Lockton Insurance Brokers, working out of the Los Angeles and Irvine, California offices. Phil represents developers, homebuilders, and contractors. He has been with Lockton for 24 years. He works on structuring and placing Course of Construction, General Liability, Professional, Environmental and Property insurance for clients. He also has extensive experience structuring insurance and risk management programs for projects and companies of all sizes. Phil formerly headed up the Construction Claims Department, handling all types of complex claims that impact his clients. Prior to joining Lockton, Phil served as General Counsel of California Pacific Homes, formerly known as the Donald Bren Company, building homes in conjunction with The Irvine Company and as Associate General Counsel for KB Home overseeing litigation, land acquisition, disposition, and a host of legal matters impacting the company. Phil began his career at Cox, Castle & Nicholson, handling real estate matters impacting clients including lenders, owners, developers and general contractors. During his tenure at Cox Castle, he developed an expertise in litigation, risk management and insurance.



**Jean A. Dalmore, Esq. Vice President of Mediation Services
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Jean A. Dalmore was admitted to practice in 1994. She spent her entire 30-year legal career at Murchison and Cumming, LLP in Los Angeles where she was a Senior Partner, Chair of the Construction Law Practice Group, and a member of the Professional Liability Practice Group. Ms. Dalmore focused her litigation, arbitration, and mediation practice in hundreds of complex multi-party public and private works construction disputes including contract claims for payment, delay and other impacts, as well as construction defect and design defect claims. Over the years, she has represented a variety of clients in hundreds of construction cases including developers, general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers and design professionals in disputes involving multi-family, mixed use, single family custom residential, schools, and commercial construction. In the area of professional liability, Ms. Dalmore represented architects and engineers, insurance brokers, real estate brokers and agents, accountants, and veterinarians. She also has extensive experience in general liability, personal injury, property damage, subrogation and business torts. She is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Dalmore graduated in 1991 with a BA from California State University, Los Angeles and in 1994 University of Southern California Gould School of Law. She also attended the Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law - Mediating the Litigated Case.



**Holly Davies, Esq., General Counsel
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Holly Davies is General Counsel for Campos EPC, LLC, a national engineering, procurement, and construction firm with projects throughout the United States. As General Counsel, she handles legal issues ranging from contract reviews, negotiations, compliance, bond and lien claims, corporate structure, employment law, and litigation for the company. Before joining Campos EPC, Holly was a partner with Lorber, Greenfield & Polito, LLP, practicing in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado with a large portion of her practice focusing on construction related matters. Holly serves on the Board of Directors for Women in Construction, West Coast Conference and the Arizona State Bar, Advisory Committee for CD Specialization.

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Birmingham’s Best Attorneys and Birmingham’s Best Construction Attorneys. Joe has been recognized as a Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters, a Top Rated Lawyer in Insurance Law by ALM and Martindale Hubbell, and in Best Lawyers in the fields of Construction Law, Construction Litigation and Insurance Litigation.



Chad Dunigan, Esq. Managing Partner
Wood Smith Henning and Berman LLP, Orlando and Jacksonville, FL

Chad Dunigan, Managing Partner of WSHB’s Orlando and Jacksonville offices, is a nationally recognized leader in construction litigation. He is highly regarded for managing all facets of complex construction defect cases, including public and private contract disputes, mechanics’ liens, surety claims, and project delays. Chad’s proven ability to secure favorable results for owners, developers, and contractors on challenging commercial and public works projects sets him apart as a preeminent trial lawyer and strategist. With over 25 years of experience, Chad is regarded as a thought leader in construction law and a trusted advisor on high-stakes construction defect claims. He represents clients across the country in significant matters involving defective construction, project delays, and surety disputes. As a recognized authority,

Chad is a frequent speaker and author and was proud to have spoken at the 2025 West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Conference and to return again this year. Beyond litigation, Chad provides strategic counsel on claims presentations, especially those involving denied change orders and additional work outside contract terms. He brings extensive experience in insurance and bond matters central to construction defect disputes, including errors and omissions, builder’s risk, environmental issues, and general liability coverage.



Cynthia Garcia, ARM, CCP, ACP, CRIS, MLIS Chief Risk Officer
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Cynthia Garcia is an accomplished Risk Management executive with three decades of experience in the construction industry. A multi-award-winning leader—including honors from IRMI, ASSE, and Business Insurance—she oversees risk, legal, and safety strategies with a focus on collaborative innovation. Beyond her executive role, she serves as Risk Manager on Campus for the Spencer Educational Foundation supporting the future generation of risk leaders. Cynthia is a dedicated board member for CSU Fullerton and Women In Construction-West Coast. She is passionate about empowering others and cultivating inclusive environments where every professional has a sense of belonging. Designations: ARM, CCP, ACP, CRIS, MLIS.

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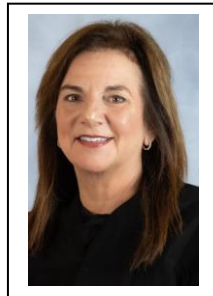
**David A. Harris, Esq., Staff Legal Regional Construction Coordinating Counsel – Pacific Northwest
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David Harris is the Regional Construction Coordinating Counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance. He is a senior counsel for the company and oversees construction defect cases in the eleven western states. David has 35 years of construction defect defense experience and handles all aspects of construction defect defense. Prior to joining Liberty Mutual Insurance, Mr. Harris was a partner in private practice and was the general counsel for a large construction company. Mr. Harris graduated from UCLA School of Law. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Mary Lou Hutson, AVP Major Case Specialization Leader, Corporate Claims
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Mary Lou Hutson is the Assistant Vice President, Major Case Specialization Leader at United Fire Group where she oversees the construction defect, excess, and complex claims teams. Mary Lou began her insurance career in environmental claims a long time ago and moved into construction defect claims in 2005. She has worked for too many different insurance companies over the years, but has hopefully learned something along the way about how to receive mentoring and how to mentor others.



**Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Judge
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court-Orange County**

The Honorable Judge Maria D. Hernandez currently serves on the criminal panel at the Harbor Justice Center for the Orange County Superior Court. Judge Hernandez concluded her term as the Presiding Judge overseeing the daily operations of the third largest court in the state of California and the fifth largest court in the country in 2025. Judge Hernandez served as the chair of the State Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and currently serves as a voting member of the Judicial Council. Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero appointed her as chair of the Judicial Council Technology Committee(JCTC) and as the vice-chair to the Judicial Branch Budget Committee (JBBC). Prior to her term as the presiding judge, she served as court's Assistant Presiding Judge beginning in 2021 as well as the court's COVID-19 liaison throughout the global pandemic. Judge Hernandez previously served as the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for Orange County until January 2018 when she returned to a criminal felony trial calendar. During her nine years as a juvenile court judge, she created and presided over the dedicated court addressing commercially sexually exploited children (GRACE—Generating Resources to Abolish Child Exploitation) and co-chaired the Orange County Committee relating to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). While overseeing all daily court operations for the juvenile branch, she convened the county's first Juvenile Justice Summit in 2016, which brought together over 400 of the county's leaders to address the special needs of the children and families of Orange County. Judge Hernandez also created and presided over an innovative collaborative court dedicated to boys in the child welfare system back in 2010, which continues to meet the needs of the highest-risk system-involved youth. In 2018, Judge Hernandez launched the Young Adult Court (YAC), an innovative program that addresses the special needs of emerging adults charged with felonies in the criminal justice system which she continues to oversee. Judge Hernandez has served the Orange County Superior Court as a bench officer since 2006.

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Stephen J. Henning is the co-founder of Wood, Smith, Henning and Berman, LLP, an Am Law 125 firm with more than 42 offices nationwide. Steve is nationally recognized as a trial lawyer who has devoted his career to the defense of complex construction, real estate, business, and employment matters, with additional experience across professional liability and toxic tort litigation. He regularly represents Fortune 500 companies and some of the largest residential and commercial public and private owners, developers, homebuilders, contractors, investors, and lenders in the country, and is widely regarded as a trusted strategic partner on high exposure matters. Steve is honored and deeply appreciative of the opportunity to return once again as a speaker at West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Conference, a forum that has long played a critical role in advancing thought leadership and collaboration within the construction industry. This conference holds particular meaning for Steve, as it is where he was recognized with two of the most meaningful honors of his career. He is immensely proud to be the first defense attorney to receive the prestigious Jerrold S. Oliver Award for significant contributions to the construction community and was later humbled to be named a recipient of the Legends of an Era Award at the 2025 Conference. A sought-after author and speaker, Steve frequently addresses emerging trends and challenges facing the construction industry. His contributions have been recognized nationally, including being named CLM's 2019 Professional of the Year for Outside Legal Counsel, RISE Mentor of the Year in 2022, and recipient of the 2023 Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award. The Los Angeles Business Journal regularly names Steve among the Top 100 Lawyers in Los Angeles and selected him as a 2025 Community Impact Award Honoree, reflecting not only his legal excellence but his commitment to leadership and service. Steve earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Nebraska, where he was a member of the National Trial Team. He currently serves on the Law College Dean's Advisory Board and as a trustee of the University Foundation. Deeply committed to giving back, Steve has held leadership roles with several national and local nonprofit organizations, and his dedication to corporate citizenship has been repeatedly recognized, including being named one of the 500 most influential people in Los Angeles by the Los Angeles Business Journal. Consistently regarded as one of the industry's top attorneys, Steve holds an over two decade AV rating from Martindale Hubbell and has been selected as a Super Lawyer or Rising Star every year since founding the firm. He is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America for excellence in construction and real estate litigation.



Todd Jaworsky, Esq. Coverage and Assistant General Counsel
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Todd is currently national coverage counsel and assistant general counsel at Preferred Contractors Insurance Company, RRG. Todd has 23 years of extensive experience in private practice in the areas of insurance coverage analysis (commercial lines, personal lines, professional liability and fidelity bonds, among others), claims management, insurance-related litigation (including bad faith, contribution and other areas) and general civil litigation. A former partner and managing partner at two large, multi-national law firms, he received his undergraduate degree from Fort Lewis College, with honors, and J.D., cum laude, from California Western School of Law. Todd has been selected many times in Best Lawyers in America (insurance coverage) and Chambers U.S.A. (insurance coverage).

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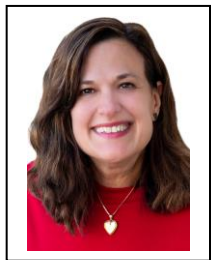
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Brian Kahn is a Shareholder with Segal McCambridge. His law practice focuses on complex civil litigation, large casualty losses, business and the representation of general contractors, developers, construction managers and design professionals throughout the state of California. He has trial, arbitration and mediation experience. Mr. Kahn earned his B.A. degree from the University of Southern California and his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law. While in school he became active in politics, working in various capacities for the U.S. Senate, Governor's office and the White House. Prior to joining Segal McCambridge, Mr. Kahn practiced with other law firms, where his practice included complex litigation, construction litigation, insurance bad faith, toxic tort, business litigation and provided general business advice. Mr. Kahn is a returning speaker at West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar and is the recipient of the Jerrold S. Oliver Award of Excellence for 2023. In addition to participating in the construction defect community, he continues to co-author Thomson Reuters' Torts (California Civil Practice Series) and received his Certified Litigation Management Professional (CLMP) certificate from the Litigation Management Institute. He has also been a regularly contributing staff writer for multiple audio / video and home theater magazines. When not practicing law or writing, Mr. Kahn enjoys spending time with his family and does community work through Kiwanis International; Chairs the Construction Law Committee of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel; sits as a Judge Pro-Tem in Ventura County; and serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Leonis Adobe Museum, anon-profit educational group.



Robin Kahn, Vice President, Casualty Claims
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Robin Kahn is Vice President of Casualty Claims at Chubb, bringing 30 years of insurance industry experience. She began her career at Kemper Insurance in 1996, handling national accounts and complex claims, and later advanced to Major Case Specialist at St. Paul/Travelers, where she managed high-stakes cases and mentored colleagues. Since joining ACE/Chubb in 2012, Robin has led teams specializing in construction defect and injury claims, earning recognition such as the "Legends of an Era" award from West Coast Casualty in 2017. She is a frequent speaker at industry events, holds a BA from UC Santa Barbara and an Associate in Claims designation, and is known for her expertise in claims management and process improvement.



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Cameron Kalunian is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Lewis Brisbois and vice chair of the nationwide Construction Practice. Mr. Kalunian's practice is focused on multi-party litigation in a wide variety of cases involving claims related to breach of contract, fraud, unfair business practices, real estate, construction defect disputes, and various tort claims. Additionally, Mr. Kalunian has served as litigation counsel for both Fortune 500 companies and small businesses in matters involving intellectual property, employment, real estate, financial institutions, and environmental claims. Mr. Kalunian is an experienced trial lawyer who has garnered many favorable verdicts. His reputation as an aggressive and effective trial lawyer has also resulted in lucrative settlements for his clients.

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Jennifer Kalvestran is a partner at Anderson, McPharlin & Conners, LLP's Los Angeles office. Her practice is focused on insurance coverage analysis, bad faith, and litigation. She counsels insurers on a broad range of coverage issues falling under primary and excess policies, with a focus on long-tail liabilities and other general liability, pollution liability, and professional liability coverage matters. She also counsels and otherwise represents insurers as to the "bad faith" issues arising from these coverage disputes. With over 20 years of experience, Jennifer is involved in all aspects of litigation, including trial practice, mediations, and depositions, and she brings a practical perspective to planning and executing these dispute resolution and litigation strategies. She has successfully represented clients in numerous matters on appeal before the California Appellate Court and Ninth Circuit. Jennifer also counsels insurers and assists in drafting policy language, ensuring that the language is reasonable and legally enforceable. Jennifer is a member of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice section. She is also a member of CLM, and as past President its Los Angeles chapter, she now serves as a Regional Chair. Jennifer is admitted to practice in California, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona and Minnesota.



Kenneth Kasdan, Esq., Senior Partner
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Ken Kasdan is considered one of the nation's leading construction defect authorities who has achieved more than \$1.5 billion dollars in settlements for his clients in the Western United States. He has practiced law for 50 years and is the senior partner with Kasdan Turner Thomson Booth LLLC and Kasdan Turner Thomson Booth LLP, established in 1992, where Kasdan is the founding and managing partner. Kasdan has been at the forefront of construction defect litigation with complex issues involving corrosion of building components, sulfate attack damage to concrete, soil subsidence, water intrusion, and wind-related damage in high rise, mid-rise and commercial buildings. As a result of extensive litigation and multimillion-dollar verdicts and settlements, the construction industry has modified many of its procedures resulting in better, stronger, and more durable concrete and other building components used through the Western United States, an important outcome for all. Well known in the national legal profession and a sought-after speaker on construction defect litigation, Kasdan is a rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubble, the highest rating achievable for both judicial skill and ethics. Since 2009 to the present, he has been selected for inclusion as a Southern California Super Lawyer. In 2018 and 2024, he was awarded the Silver Star Award for Best Plaintiff Construction Defect Attorney by West Coast Casualty.



Judge Keri Katz (Ret), Mediator, Arbitrator, Referee, and Special Master
Signature Resolution, San Diego, CA

As a neutral at Signature Resolution, Hon. Keri G. Katz (Ret.) brings over 39 years of experience in construction and contract litigation matters. Judge Katz was honored to be named West Coast Casualty's Construction Judge of the Year in 2024. She is known for understanding complex legal and factual issues and applying practical solutions to resolve disputes with patience and persistence. Over her legal career as a litigator and a judge, Judge Katz has handled numerous cases across diverse legal specialties. As a City Attorney, she represented the mayor, city engineer, and countless other departments in all legal matters, including the Capital Projects and Water Departments. Judge Katz also litigated insurance, professional liability, contract, and property damages disputes. As a Superior Court Judge, she presided over a civil independent calendar department where she heard hundreds of civil proceedings, including jury and bench trials on cases involving insurance, construction, professional liability, and contractual disputes, while also presiding over property damage cases such as landslides and floods. She has participated in several successful complex settlements and mediations as a litigator, judge, and neutral. For more information on Judge Katz, please visit <https://signatureresolution.com>.

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**Hon. Adam Kendall, Magistrate Judge, First Judicial District of Colorado
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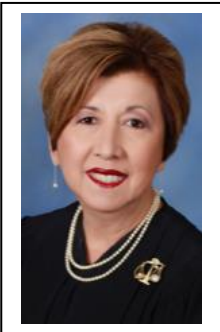
Hon. Adam Kendall serves as a magistrate judge in the First Judicial District of Colorado, handling a variety of civil matters to include presiding over court trials and hearings for civil claims under \$25,000, small claims trials, and eviction cases. Mag. Kendall has tried over 70 trials as lead counsel, and many more as second chair. He has extensive experience as a civil litigator—representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide array of business litigation matters—a criminal defense attorney, and as a prosecutor in two Denver metropolitan area district attorney offices. Just prior to his appointment to the bench, Mag. Kendall was a Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney in the Office of the District Attorney for the Twentieth Judicial District of Colorado (Boulder) where he handled a small docket of serious trial cases, helped develop trainings for the office’s attorneys, and managed the office’s appellate unit. Mag. Kendall has been a trial advocacy coach for the University of Colorado Law School since 2012. He has served as a

faculty member for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) since 2013 and as a program director since 2025.



**Cheryl L. Kozdrey, Esq., Partner
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Cheryl L. Kozdrey, Esq. is a Partner at Saxe Doernberger & Vita, P.C., where her practice is dedicated exclusively to policyholder representation throughout the insurance claims process and in coverage dispute litigation against insurance carriers. Cheryl advises insurance brokers, risk managers, and construction industry professionals regarding optimal risk transfer strategies and insurance solutions, including key considerations for Builder’s Risk, Commercial General Liability, D&O, and Commercial Property policies. She assists clients with initial policy reviews, as well as renewals and modification(s) of existing policies to ensure coverage needs are satisfied. Cheryl also represents policyholders throughout the claims process, and in coverage dispute litigation against insurance carriers. She is currently working on some of the largest construction defect cases in the country. Cheryl is a published author and is admitted to practice in the State of California and all federal district courts within the State.



**Hon. Sue Kurita, Judge
County Court at Law #6, El Paso, TX**

Judge M. Sue Kurita is the presiding judge of El Paso County Court at Law Number Six since its creation in 1998. Judge Kurita has served on the boards of Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, and on the National Association of Women Judges. She was elected Vice-President of the National Association for Women Judges and also served as the Chair for the New Judges Program for NAWJ. In 2010, the Texas Supreme Court appointed Judge Kurita to the State Commission for Judicial Conduct, where served as Vice-Chair from 2013-2015. In 2014, the Texas Supreme Court appointed Judge Kurita to the 9 member Grievance Oversight Committee and is presently the Vice-Chair. She serves on the State Bar of Texas standing committee on Administration of Rules of Evidence. Judge Kurita was named the 2018 Outstanding Jurist by the El Paso Bar Association. Judge Kurita was named the 2015 Outstanding Jurist

by the American Board of Trial Advocates. Judge Kurita is a Clinical Professor of Business Law at the University of Texas-El Paso; Adjunct Professor at Park University and Excelsior College. She was named 2015 outstanding faculty member by Excelsior College. Judge Kurita received the 2013 Daniel H. Benson Public Service Award from The Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Association. Judge Kurita is committed to furthering legal and judicial education. She is serving on the Texas Center for the Judiciary Curriculum Committee and is a frequent speaker at seminars including the National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. Judge Kurita is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso (BA); Webster University; and Texas Tech University School of Law. Additionally, Judge Kurita is also a graduate of the Defense Language Institute completing the Modern Greek Language Course. Judge Kurita has received certification in Criminal Law and Civil Law from the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Judicial College. Judge Kurita is certified by Mediators Without Borders, as a mediator and arbitrator. Judge Kurita is one of the 100 women featured in JoAnne Gordon’s recently published book “100 Happy Women at Work”. Judge Kurita has received the City of El Paso Conquistador Award; and was named a Woman Trailblazer by the El Paso Bar Association.

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Dermot Leech, Vice President of Construction Defect Claims Cranmore /Enstar, St Peterburg, FL

Mr. Leech is currently a Vice President of Construction Defect Claims with Cranmore /Enstar (US). Over his thirty + year career, Mr. Leech has handled a variety of complex claims which for the most part has involved property damage caused by defective construction. Mr. Leech began his career in 1988 with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Los Angeles, California, handling claims from large accounts including Turner Construction Company. Thereafter, from 1990 to 2008 Mr. Leech was employed by Wausau Insurance Company/Nationwide in Pasadena, California. In furtherance of his career, Mr. Leech then relocated to Chicago and joined Fireman's Fund Insurance Company/Allianz and was employed there until July of 2023. In August of 2023, Mr. Leech joined Cranmore/Enstar in his current role as VP – Construction Defect Claims. This role involves claims oversight and technical direction of TPA's currently adjusting CD books on behalf of Enstar which includes programs involving policies issued by carriers such as Argo, Aspen, Atrium, QBE, Sussex, Clarendon, Liberty Mutual and others.



Steve Lokus, VP, Casualty Construction Claims Somp International, Irvine, CA

For more than 25 years, Steve has focused on coverage, liability, risk transfer and litigation management. He has extensive experience handling and managing large commercial general liability claims on primary and excess layers, including claims within large SIRs and wrap policies. Somp is an international commercial property & casualty specialty insurance company where Mr. Lokus is the VP of Casualty Construction Claims. Prior to Somp, Mr. Lokus was the Assistant Vice President, Construction Claims at The Hartford, Western Regional / Casualty VP for Navigators Insurance, Claims Supervisor at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Branch Manager for West Coast Casualty Service, Inc. A renowned thought leader in the construction and casualty markets, Steve serves as a member of the advisory board of the ClaimsXchange, Provost for the ClaimsXchange Construction Claims Academy, co-chair and a board member for the Perrin Conference's National Construction Defect conference and an instructor of IRMI's Construction Risk Management Boot Camp. He is also a frequent speaker at industry events, including CLM's Annual Conference, CLM's Construction Conference, Perrin Conference's Construction Defect Conference, West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Conference and many others.



Lindsay G. McCormick, Esq., Managing Attorney Marshall Dennehey, P.A., Tampa, Florida

Lindsay G. McCormick is a Florida Bar Board Certified Construction attorney and the Managing Attorney of Marshall Dennehey, P.A.'s Tampa, Florida office. Her law practice focuses on construction defect litigation, architect and engineer defense, complex civil litigation and general professional liability defense throughout the state of Florida. In this role, Mrs. McCormick provides counsel to general contractors, developers, subcontractors, manufacturers, suppliers, inspectors, architects and engineers in claims brought against them in a variety of construction projects and disputes, both individually and through insurance carriers. Additionally, Mrs. McCormick is experienced and proficient in the practice of pursuing affirmative claims against subcontractors and sub-subcontractors when appropriate, including pursuing tenders and additional insured obligations. Further, Mrs. McCormick assists clients through pre-suit investigations, mediations and arbitrations when appropriate. With over 15 years of experience, Mrs. McCormick is well-versed in all aspects of litigation and ADR through final disposition, including trial, and binding and non-binding arbitrations. Mrs. McCormick earned her B.A. from Florida Gulf Coast University and her J.D. from Florida State University College of Law. Mrs. McCormick has been named in The Best Lawyers in America for Construction Litigation for the past 4 years.

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**Hon. Layne Melzer, Supervising Judge, Civil Panel
Orange County Superior Court, Santa Ana, CA**

Judge Melzer was appointed to the Orange County Superior Court bench in 2016 by Gov. Gerry Brown. He has been a member of the Civil Panel since 2018 and was selected as Supervising Judge for the Civil Panel in 2021. Judge Melzer currently supervises more than 30 civil judges, including the unlimited and complex civil panels. Prior to serving on the bench, he spent 30 years as a civil litigator and trial attorney at Rutan & Tucker LLP, a large regional, California-based law firm, where he specialized in complex business disputes, including class and mass actions. He served as managing partner and general counsel during his tenure with Rutan & Tucker. Judge Melzer attended law school at King Hall, University California, at Davis graduating (Order of the Coif) in 1987.



**Craig Meredith, Esq., Mediator
Law Offices of Craig S. Meredith, Oxnard, CA**

Craig Meredith, with his 39 years of expertise in all types of commercial coverage, is the ideal mediator for the resolution of coverage disputes and for other cases that are difficult to resolve due to underlying coverage issues. Mr. Meredith spent 25 years as a full-time coverage attorney representing insureds and claimants in complex commercial insurance matters. As an attorney, he assisted clients in presenting claims to insurance carriers and in negotiating with carriers for the amicable resolution of those claims. He was very successful in that arena and is widely known in the carrier community as someone who can resolve claims without the need for litigation. Mr. Meredith began mediating cases over 30 years ago while at his former firm, Meredith, Weinstein & Numbers. In 2010, he joined JAMS as a full-time mediator, specializing in cases involving difficult insurance matters. In January of 2016, he started his own mediation practice. Mr. Meredith has expertise in virtually all of the commercial lines, including but not limited to CGL, umbrella and excess, professional liability, property, builders risk, environmental, and directors and officers coverage. He is well-known for his expertise in all aspects of construction coverage, including OCIPs and other wrap programs, warranty programs, and contractor default insurance.



**Joseph R. Miele, Jr., Esq. Partner
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Joseph R. Miele, Jr. represents insurers in complex insurance coverage and claim-handling disputes under a multitude of different insurance programs. He defends his clients in first-party claims, construction defect claims, directors' & officers', claims against condominium and home-owners' associations, and in general liability, premises liability, environmental contamination, and, toxic-torts. Mr. Miele has resolved hundreds of coverage and claim-handling matters in both state and federal courts through trial and on appeal. He has litigated and provided insurance coverage evaluations in most states, nationwide. Mr. Miele has vast experience in coverage matters arising from large and catastrophic damage claims including in hurricanes/storm events, and infectious disease matters. Originally from New Jersey, Mr. Miele practiced in his home state and in neighboring New York, beginning with a insurance carrier in overseeing complex claims nationwide. There he gained considerable knowledge of the insurance industry and experience in the claim handling and resolution process, which has proven invaluable throughout his professional career. Mr. Miele frequently lectures and counsels insurers and third-party administrators on insurance coverage law and proper claim-handling practices.

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Eric Michna, Senior Construction Claim Advocate - NW and SW Regions Gallagher Claims and Risk Consulting - GGB-US, San Francisco

Eric is a seasoned insurance professional with a career spanning over three decades, beginning in 1988. He joined Arthur Gallagher in 2025, bringing with him a wealth of expertise in construction claims. His specialization covers a broad spectrum, including general liability, construction defects, builder's risk, professional liability for architects and engineers, product liability, wrap-up insurance programs (OCIP, CCIP), environmental, commercial auto, excess liability, and umbrella coverages. Additionally, Eric is knowledgeable in subcontractor default and homebuilder protection programs. Eric's experience is extensive in complex and multi-party litigation management and legal audits. He is skilled in loss analysis, forecasting, risk financing, and claim administration, and is adept at conflict resolution, negotiations, and mediation. With over nine years in an advocacy role, Eric has worked with large national brokers such as Willis Towers Watson, Alliant, and Gallagher across the United States. At Gallagher, Eric manages construction clients' claims programs, offering technical guidance and advice on exposure analysis, disposition strategies, coverage matters, and proactive claims resolution initiatives. Before joining Willis Towers Watson in 2016, Eric held senior management roles at AIG, Travelers, and Zurich North America for over 17 years, where he led national construction defect and professional liability claim operations both domestically and internationally. He handled the company's most severe and complex cases and led negotiations in multimillion-dollar cases. Eric is also active in the industry as a panelist at seminars and roundtables, providing insights on construction and claim-related topics to attorneys, construction professionals, agents, brokers, and their clients.



Phyllis Modlin, Director and Senior Counsel - Specialty International Claims - Casualty Markel, San Diego, CA

Phyllis Modlin is a Director and Senior Counsel with Markel's Complex Casualty Claims team where she handles third-party casualty and construction claims (defect, product liability and bodily injury) for large construction risks involving primary and excess commercial general liability and OCIP/WRAP policies. She has extensive experience and expertise in evaluating unique claims and is extremely knowledgeable about how technology has changed in the construction industry and sees a wide range of claims and issues. She is responsible for all aspects of claims handling, including damages, liability, coverage, reserving, risk transfer, litigation management, expense control measures and claims resolution. As one of the key members of the Topics and Speakers Committee of West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar, and the co-chair of CLM's Construction Conference, she has substantial knowledge and exposure as to how claims and insurance impact the industry.



Peter J. Morgan, Esq. Partner Otteson Shapiro LLP, Denver, CO

Peter Morgan is a partner with the firm. He represents policyholders in insurance coverage disputes and bad faith litigation. In his more than 25-year career, Mr. Morgan has represented insurance companies in connection with claims arising out of nearly every type of available insurance. These include commercial general liability, professional liability, property, builders' risk, excess, umbrella, fidelity, E&O, D&O, homeowners, automobile, uninsured/underinsured motorist, personal and advertising injury, and life insurance. Mr. Morgan has successfully litigated and tried cases in state and federal district courts, state and federal appellate courts, and in arbitration. He also lectures on insurance coverage and claim handling issues. Since 2013 Mr. Morgan has maintained an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating with Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards. He has been named to the list of Colorado Super Lawyers 2019 – 2021 and 2023 – 2024, for his work in Insurance Coverage. The list, compiled annually by Super Lawyers magazine, features attorneys from more than 70 practice areas who are recognized by their peers and through rigorous third-party research as being among the best in their respective fields.

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**Michael Murray, Vice President of Product Strategy
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Michael Murray, who holds a B.F.A. from The Art Institute of Chicago, now serves as the Vice President of Product Strategy at Veritext Legal Solutions. As a recognized thought leader in legal technology, Michael draws on his extensive experience in the field to lead the integration of artificial intelligence and cutting-edge technology into legal workflows. His expertise centers on transforming how testimonial evidence is managed through the development of innovative tools like Veritext Virtual, Exhibit Share, and MyVeritext. A frequent contributor to industry publications such as LegalTech News and Law Journal Newsletters, he is also a sought-after speaker at major conferences, including ILTACON and the National Association of Legal Secretaries (NALS). Throughout his career, Michael has remained dedicated to

driving advancements in litigation workflows, document review, and data security to empower legal professionals with intuitive and secure solutions.



**Ava Musnicki, MBA, ARM, Claims Consultant
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Ava Musnicki is a Claims Consultant with over 20 years of experience handling complex construction defect and general liability claims. Her background includes technical claims leadership, runoff and legacy portfolio management, third-party administrator oversight, and claims due diligence supporting legacy transactions. Ava previously served as an Assistant Vice President and Construction Defect Claims Specialist at Swiss Re, where she managed high-exposure construction defect matters while leading claims audits and coordinating due diligence reviews for multi-jurisdictional portfolios. Her expertise centers on

claims portfolio analytics, reserve adequacy evaluation, and identifying key severity drivers and evolving loss trends impacting contractor portfolios. Ava holds an MBA, a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Legal Studies from the University of San Francisco, and the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation.



**Greg Newman, Esq. Founding Partner
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Greg Newman is a Founding Partner of the firm and serves on its Executive Committee. He is one of the authors of the LexisNexis Matthew Bender Practice Guide: California Insurance Coverage and Litigation. Greg specializes in handling complex insurance coverage matters and coverage litigation on behalf of insurers, with an emphasis in third-party property-casualty issues in the construction, automotive, trucking, and environmental arenas, as well as professional liability and errors and omissions claims. His practice includes the preparation of coverage opinions and position letters, as well as the litigation of insurance

coverage matters, including declaratory relief, equitable contribution and bad faith claims, from inception through trial. Greg also has experience at the appellate level, including writ petitions and appeals. Greg has served as regional counsel and national coordinating counsel for several insurance carriers and has provided advice on claims in nearly all 50 states. His experience includes handling critical issues such as determinations of the duty to defend and indemnify under both primary and excess/umbrella policies, additional insured issues, rights to independent counsel, agency issues, rescission, reformation, contractual liability claims, contribution claims and the multiple theories of allocation used therein, subrogation, tender issues, triggers of coverage, exhaustion, estoppel, waiver, duties of the insured, aggregate issues, occurrence theories, apportionment amongst carriers, exclusionary clauses of all types, breach of the implied covenant, reimbursement rights of both carriers and insureds, notice issues, policy interpretation, "other insurance" disputes, and mold issues. He provides continuing legal education course instruction on important insurance topics. He also provides private seminars to insurers and TPAs regarding claim handling issues and pre-litigation concerns, the drafting, interpretation and application of form and manuscript policies and endorsements, as well as current developments in the law that impact the insurance industry.

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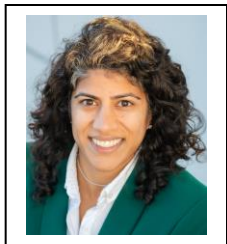


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Joseph L. Oliva, Esq., Founder and Principal Joseph Oliva & Associates, P.C., San Diego, CA

Joseph L. Oliva is the founder and principal of Joseph Oliva & Associates, P.C., and has more than 40 years of experience representing policyholders, developers, contractors, design professionals, and commercial enterprises in complex insurance coverage, bad faith, and broker malpractice litigation throughout the United States, including Fortune 500 companies as well as businesses large and small. Due to his extensive experience, Mr. Oliva has been retained as an expert witness in numerous insurance coverage lawsuits and has testified regarding industry standards and the interpretation of policy provisions. He is licensed to practice law in California, Nevada, Arizona, and Texas, is admitted before multiple United States District Courts, the Fifth and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and has extensive appellate experience, including writ proceedings and appeals involving significant insurance and indemnity issues. He successfully handled the landmark decision in *Maryland Casualty Co. v. Reeder* (1990) 221 Cal.App.3d 961, which addressed significant issues concerning an insurer's defense and coverage obligations and has been relied upon across the country in subsequent insurance coverage litigation. Mr. Oliva holds the AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell for legal ability and ethics and has been recognized as a San Diego County Top Attorney in Insurance by *The Daily Transcript*, selected as a Super Lawyer – Insurance Coverage by *San Diego Super Lawyers Magazine*, and named a Top Insurance Lawyer by *San Diego Magazine* for 2025 and for numerous years prior. He has been a frequent lecturer for bar associations and industry organizations on insurance coverage, construction defect litigation, and bad faith, and has authored and co-authored numerous publications addressing the duty to defend, the right to independent counsel, CGL defense obligations, and insurance issues arising from construction defect litigation.



Sonya Pandian, PE, Mechanical Engineer EMP Consultants, Anaheim Hills, CA

Sonya Pandian, P.E. is a mechanical engineer with over 15 years of experience in mechanical engineering design and forensic consulting. She is a senior engineer with EMP Consultants, a full-service consulting firm founded in 1999 that specializes in mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire sprinkler systems. Ms. Pandian is slated to assume the role of Principal of EMP Consultants upon the full retirement of the firm's current Principal. Ms. Pandian is a graduate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona). Her professional experience includes providing litigation support and insurance consulting services related to construction defects, construction site accidents and injuries, product failures, first- and third-party property damage claims. She has extensive expertise in mechanical and plumbing systems, with numerous projects involving mold-related claims resulting from plumbing system failures. In addition, Ms. Pandian provides engineering services in risk management, project design, cost estimating and property damage analysis. She is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Arizona, California and Nevada.



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Brenda Radmacher is a sought-after construction attorney with three decades of experience handling construction disputes and transactions. Brenda is a Partner with Seyfarth Shaw, LLP's Construction Practice Group based in the firm's downtown Los Angeles office. Brenda is also a mediator and arbitrator serving on the American Arbitration Association's panels. Brenda's practice focuses on risk management, dispute resolution, and advice and counsel for developers, owners, builders, and design professionals to find creative solutions to the challenges in the built environment. Brenda is an authority on a host of construction issues including delay and disruption claims, payment disputes, construction defects, impacts of technology use in the construction industry, and negotiation and litigation strategies. Brenda deploys her litigation background to draft stronger contracts and to assist in negotiation of deals for her clients in both the private and public arenas. Brenda has been recognized by her peers and clients and is the recipient of multiple awards, including being recognized as "Lawyer of the Year – Construction (Los Angeles)" by Best Lawyers of America® for 2025-2026, a 2023 Leader of Influence by the Los Angeles Business Journal in 2023, and awarded as an Industry Veteran by ConstructionDive in 2021, among other recognitions. She has handled some of the largest and most complex construction disputes including being lead construction counsel on the Champlain South Tower Collapse matter in Florida where she was instrumental in negotiating the largest settlement in a construction case in the United States. Through years of handling complex construction disputes and contract negotiations, she developed a sophisticated understanding of construction law, which she applies as a lawyer and as an experienced mediator and arbitrator.

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**Scott D. Rembold, Esq., Founding Partner
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Scott D. Rembold is a founding partner of Rembold Hirschman, an insurance, construction, and business litigation firm with offices in Miami, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Tampa, and Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Rembold focuses his practice primarily on the construction industry, representing contractors and subcontractors both directly and through their insurers as assigned defense counsel. Mr. Rembold and his firm also have extensive experience handling general liability claims on behalf of insureds, as well as defending first party property claims and complex commercial litigation matters. Mr. Rembold has also served as outside general counsel for the South Florida Associated General Contractors and the American Society of Professional Estimators. Mr. Rembold is AV® Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been named in The Best Lawyers in America, a Top Rated Lawyer in Construction Law by American Lawyer Media, a Top Attorney by the South Florida Legal Guide, “Legal Elite” by Florida Trend magazine, and has been named on the list of the Top 100 Lawyers in Florida by SuperLawyers, as well as a Top 100 Lawyer in Miami. Mr. Rembold is Board Certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar and earned the Certified Litigation Management Professional (CLMP) and Certified Claims Professional (CCP) designations.



**James E. Rogers, Presiding Judge
King County Superior Court, Seattle WA**

Hon. James E. (Jim) Rogers has served as a trial judge since 2005 in Seattle, Washington in King County Superior Court. He has presided over hundreds of civil trials of all types including many construction and insurance cases. On the bench, he has addressed many management issues involving complex cases, including class actions and consolidation of related cases for discovery. He was the court’s Presiding Judge from 2019 to 2021, during the pandemic, and oversaw the court’s move to video proceedings, video bench trials, use of video in jury trials, and video voir dire, all of which now are standard practice in King County. He co-chaired a Supreme Court commission to draft the now-adopted Washington statewide court rules on virtual proceedings. He has received the Washington State Bar Association’s Chief Justice Mary E. Fairhurst Award of Merit, the King County Bar Association’s Outstanding Judge, the Washington Women Lawyers’ Vanguard award, the ABOTA Outstanding Judge of the Year, the William O. Douglas Judicial Service Award from the Washington Association for Justice, and the King County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award. Before the bench, he practiced law at the King County Prosecutor’s Office, Riddell Williams Bullitt and Walkinshaw (now Fox Rothschild) and was a law clerk for Hon. Robert J. Bryan. Judge Rogers earned his degrees from the University of Washington and Georgetown Law and was a Peace Corps Volunteer. He is married, has two adult children, is a Huskies, Irish, Sounders, Mariners and Seahawks fan, and loves watching the 49ers play, especially this year.



**Karen Rice, Head of Global Claim Success Initiatives
Proactive**

Karen Rice is the Head of Global Claim Success Initiatives at Proactive, a construction claims partner to carriers worldwide, providing a collaborative, non-adversarial approach to enhance the complex claims experience for carriers and insureds. Prior to her current role, Karen was the Head of Construction Claims, North America, for AXA XL. Prior to joining XL, she was the National Construction Defect Claim Manager for OneBeacon Insurance (OBI), and the AVP of National Construction Defect claims and Western States ACE Risk Management claims with ACE USA. Ms. Rice is the co-chair of the Construction Advisory Board for CLM. She is also on the Advisory Board for ALFA International Construction Committee and the Advisory Board for USLAW Construction Committee and has been a frequent lecturer at various Construction and Insurance Law seminars throughout the country. Ms. Rice earned her Bachelors degree from University of California at Santa Barbara and her Masters in Business Administration from the University of LaVerne.

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**Rick Seely, Esq., Shareholder
Segal McCambridge, Los Angeles, CA**

Rick Seely is a Shareholder at Segal McCambridge. Mr. Seely has 27 years of diverse experience representing clients mainly in business litigation, construction defect litigation, and general insurance defense matters. He has managed numerous matters from the initial case introduction through trial. Mr. Seely also regularly presents and moderates continuing education panels for organizations such as The CLM, West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar, and the OCBA. His topics range from the basics of subrogation claims; the analysis of indemnification clauses; construction litigation trends; and his favorite: civility among lawyers.



**Judge Nancy Wieben Stock (Ret.) Mediator, Arbitrator, Private Judge
JAMS, Irvine, CA**

Hon. Nancy Wieben Stock (Ret.), JAMS Neutral, Irvine, CA – Judge Stock is a retired California Superior Court judge and a full-time mediator, arbitrator and referee with JAMS. She joined the panel in 2014, following a distinguished 24-year judicial career on the Orange County Superior Court. On the bench she served on the Complex Civil Panel and as Presiding Judge, bringing deep experience managing large-scale, complex litigation before transitioning to alternative dispute resolution. Judge Stock has extensive experience in construction contract and defect matters, having acted as coordination trial judge and settlement judge in significant public entity and commercial defect litigation and serving as sole arbitrator in multifaceted insurance coverage and defect disputes involving high-rise, multi-family and single-family projects. She also serves as Judicial Referee on SB 800 and other construction assignments and has mediated and lectured widely on construction defect, ADR practice and complex civil litigation topics. She has received advanced training through the Pepperdine Straus Institute's *Mediating the Complex Construction Case* program, and has presented at and published articles, in association with her membership in the JAMS Global Engineering and Construction Group.



**Hon. Stephen J. Sundvold (Ret.), Mediator and Arbitrator
JAMS, Irvine, CA**

Hon. Stephen J. Sundvold (Ret.) has enjoyed a robust practice as a mediator and arbitrator at JAMS since 2010. Prior to joining JAMS, Judge Sundvold served on a wide variety of case assignments during his distinguished 20-year tenure on the Orange County Superior Court, including on the Court's High Impact Trial (HIT) team and over eight years on the Court's Complex Civil Panel where he handled hundreds of complex matters involving construction defect, class action, eminent domain, and complex business litigation matters. While on the Superior Court, Judge Sundvold served as a mediator or participated in settlement conferences almost every day. Numerous trial days have been saved and trips to the appellate courts have been avoided as a result of these efforts. He has earned a reputation for being a fair, hard working, tireless judge, skilled at managing a heavy caseload of complex matters and settling the difficult claims. In his current practice, Judge Sundvold is known for his dedicated and creative approach to every matter. He is skilled in managing difficult personalities, and transforms highly emotional and complex disputes into opportunities for settlement. He frequently thinks outside of the box, and is recognized for his inquisitive demeanor. Understanding the risk of trial, Judge Sundvold is dedicated to settlement and conducts extensive follow-up to ensure the equitable resolution of every matter.

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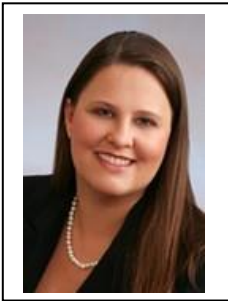
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**Jonathan C. Terry, Esq. Founding Partner
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Jonathan C. Terry is a Founding Partner at Terry Mudge, LLP, in Newport Beach, California, which specializes in construction and real estate law. His legal career spans over 30 years, with an emphasis on litigation and trials related to construction, construction defect claims, real estate matters, and insurance coverage related matters. He has successfully tried many cases to jury and bench verdicts and has also managed many arbitrations and other forms of dispute resolution. In his career he has represented Fortune 500 national home builders, as well as business owners of commercial properties and high-end luxury homes. He enjoys membership in numerous industry trade organizations devoted to supporting and improving the construction, real estate and insurance industries. He is a frequent presenter and speaker at

seminars and conferences in those spaces. Mr. Terry is a pillar in the construction defect community and values his long-standing relationships. Graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law: Juris Doctorate and Brigham Young University: Bachelor of Arts.



**Sheila Totorp, Esq., Senior Claims Technical Director
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Sheila Totorp is a Senior Claims Technical Director at Great American Insurance Company. Sheila is also a licensed attorney with over 15 years' experience as defense counsel for insurers, general contractors, subcontractors and construction professionals prior to becoming a claims professional. For over 10 years Sheila volunteers and provides countless hours of her time to the National Charity League, where she previously acted as President or Vice President for the South Coast Chapter of this organization. Sheila graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's degree and received a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law.



**Lisa Unger, Principal
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Lisa Unger is the owner of Unger Insurance and Litigation Services, providing strategic advocacy to help clients resolve complex insurance and litigation matters efficiently and cost-effectively. She previously served as Director of Casualty Claims at Hallmark Financial Services, Inc., overseeing a broad portfolio of high-exposure general liability claims, including construction defects, construction site accidents, liquor liability, and commercial auto. With nearly 30 years of experience, Lisa has held multiple roles at Markel Insurance Company, Zurich, AIG, and Chubb & Son. A nationally sought-after

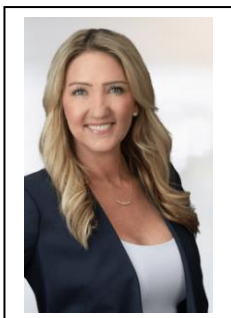
speaker and published author, she frequently presents on a wide range of insurance and liability topics. Lisa is a graduate of Colgate University, where she double majored in English and Fine Arts.

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**Michelle Watkins, Esq., Partner
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Michelle Watkins has built a reputation for defending complex litigation throughout California for the government and entities in the construction, transportation, and manufacturing sectors. Her expertise in high-exposure cases spans catastrophic injuries and fatalities to construction defects, premises liability, and environmental issues. Over her nearly two-decade career, Michelle has distinguished herself through a pragmatic and client-focused approach to litigation. Her track record of meticulously managing substantial caseloads from inception through mediation and trial has successfully resolved hundreds of high-stakes lawsuits against her corporate clients. Her extensive experience includes representing government entities in both state and federal courts. Michelle is a trusted business advisor

to companies and closely held firms on business disputes, strategy, and corporate issues. She also counsels on government regulations, formation and dissolution, intellectual property, and real estate disputes. Outside of her practice, Michelle is committed to shaping California's next generation of lawyers. She is an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, teaching California Civil Procedure.

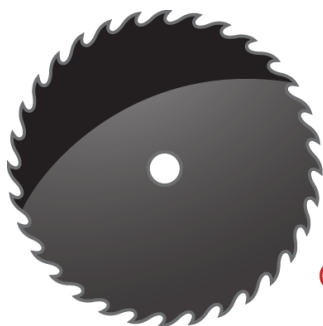


**Hon. Wendy Wilcox, Judge
Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA**

Judge Wilcox has served as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court since 2020. Currently, she sits in the civil department in the Van Nuys courthouse. Prior to her appointment, she was a named partner in Skane Wilcox LLP, a highly successful insurance defense and employment litigation firm. She was lead trial counsel for a target defendant, Darrow Heating & Air, in the Watermill Flying Point Trust v. Ronald Arrache Construction Company case. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Wilcox helped found the Women's Construction Litigation Alliance and previously served on the Boards of the

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel ("ASCDC") and Claims and Litigation Management Alliance ("CLM"). She has also provided vital support and input to multiple other professional organizations. Judge Wilcox obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from UCLA and her Juris Doctor degree from Southwestern Law School.

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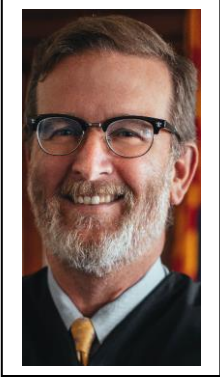


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**Hon. Christopher T. Whitten, Judge
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Hon. Christopher T. Whitten is a general jurisdiction trial court judge on the Superior Court of Arizona. Before his appointment to the bench in 2006, he was a trial lawyer for fifteen years. He was (and remains) a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and was certified by the Arizona State Bar as a specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation. As a Judge on the Superior Court of Arizona, he has presided over civil, commercial, criminal, family, tax and juvenile cases. Judge Whitten has taught as an adjunct professor at several law schools, including Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, Louisiana State University School of Law, The University of San Diego School of Law and Emory University School of Law. He regularly works with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), both nationally and internationally, receiving the Hon. Robert E. Keeton Award for outstanding service in 2017. He has trained fellow judges and lawyers throughout

Mexico as they work to reform their judicial process, with Solicitors in Ireland to improve their advocacy skills as their rights of appearance have expanded, with lawyers in Myanmar (Burma) on the important role of advocacy skills in their emerging democracy, with Judges in Egypt on developing skills to combat human trafficking, with lawyers in Guam and Saipan to expand their trial skills, with law professors in Japan on effectively teaching trial advocacy to law students, and throughout the United States on taking effective depositions and improving trial skills. Judge Whitten is the past Chair of the American Bar Association's National Conference of State Trial Judges and a past member of the ABA House of Delegates. Away from the bench, he has enjoyed serving his community as a board member and officer for numerous organizations, including the Arizona Foundation for Blind Children, the University of San Diego School of Law Alumni Board, the Arizona School for the Arts, the Recreational Association of Madison Meadows and Simis and the Brophy Lacrosse Club. In 2010 Judge Whitten and his sons were part of a team that successfully led a group of thirteen blind hikers on a marathon twenty-four mile, one-day trek from rim to rim across the Grand Canyon.



**Jane Young, Esq.
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Jane Young is a partner in the Colorado office of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP. For over twenty-five years, Jane has represented insurers and third-party administrators in complex coverage and bad faith disputes around the country. Her work involves all types of insurance policies, first- and third-party coverages, including commercial general liability, construction, environmental, automobile, property, directors and officers, and more. Jane has tried cases in state and federal courts and argued in the Colorado appellate courts and before the Tenth and Fifth circuits.

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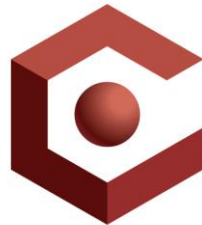
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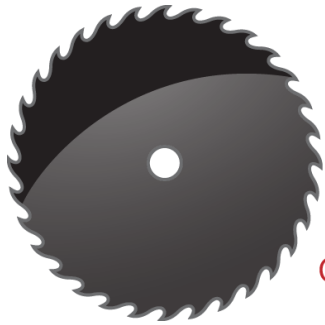
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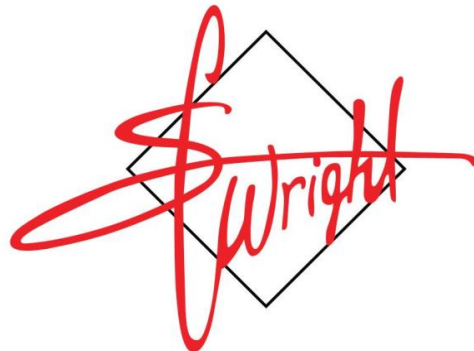
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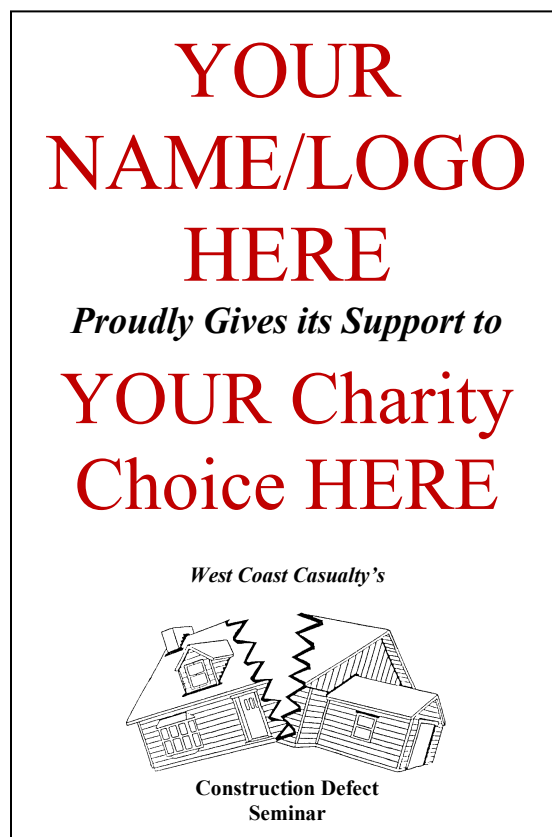
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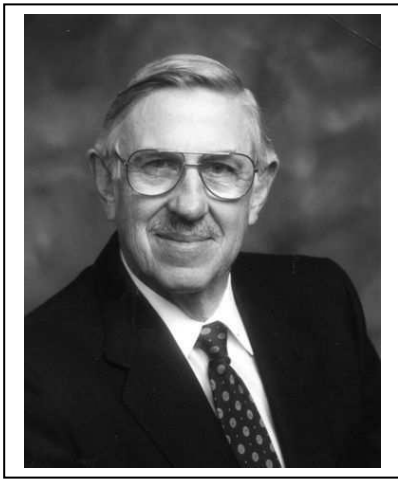


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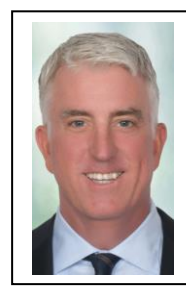


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An Important Special Announcement for those seeking CPE credits From the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA)

For those seeking CPE credits from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), please note the following:

It remains our goal that the following learning objective be met as a result of the presentation of this seminar:

At the conclusion of the program participants should be able to put to practical use the study materials combined with the verbal issues demonstrated by the speakers and/or presenters regarding Management Advisory Services, Business Management and Organization and Regulatory Ethics.

Distinguish through practical application, the use of actual financial method versus the use of actuarial method and how it impacts risk management.

The ability to recognize the application of risk management and how it relates to your client's particular branding of business.

The ability to realize the proper use of self-insured retentions and what financial exposure will result versus the traditional role of insurance

Prerequisites: For courses identified with an (*) the following prerequisites must be met:

N/A

Advanced preparation; for all advance preparation regarding those identified with an (*) above, please visit www.westcoastcasualty.com

This program has been designed to be an Intermediate Level/Update/Overview course offering and its delivery method will be Group Live

You may earn up to 9.0 CPE Credits for attending this seminar

West Coast Casualty Service, Inc. is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be addressed to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors, 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700, Nashville, TN, 37219-2417. Web site: www.nasba.org

A full refund will be provided to those who request same up to fifteen (15) days prior to the first day of the seminar. There will be no refunds within fifteen (15) days of the first day of the seminar and for more information regarding administrative policies such as complaint and refund, please contact our offices at 1-818-735-3595 or by e-mail cdseminar@westcoastcasualty.com

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A Special Note about Continuing Education Credits

All across the country, Insurance Departments and State Bars are changing their rules regarding granting of continuing education credits. Most of this has to do with fees and reporting requirements. Many states no longer offer reciprocal credits for their licensees and require West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar may have to apply separately to each individual state. We continue to follow these changes but West Coast Casualty can no longer guarantee approval of any reciprocal credits since we never know when a state will change its rules as each state has its own requirements. While we report all continuing education credit updates on our website, <http://www.westcoastcasualty.com/seminar/continuing-education/> it remains the duty and responsibility of the attendee to determine if their state has approved reciprocal credits for our event.

MCLE / CLE Credits

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Or

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***Friday, May 8, 2026 will be the last day to pre-register,
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(*) All Inquiries, Questions and Checks Should Be Sent To:

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