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CURRICULUM VITAE

Current

- Litigation and Claims Management
- Insurance Bad Faith
- Risk Management Consulting
- Captive Insurance Management
- Legal Research
- Insurance Policy Review

Licenses/Certifications

- Property and Casualty Insurance Producer/Broker – Current Licensed Arizona Property and Casualty Insurance Producer. I have held resident and non-resident licenses in various states, including but not limited to, Texas, Ohio, Wyoming, South Carolina and Tennessee.
- Adjuster – Lines of Authority - Property and Casualty – Various states, including but not limited to, Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming.
- Certified Risk Manager

Areas of Expertise

Insurance Policy Coverage Opinions
Claims Handling
General Liability Policies
Captive Insurance Regulations
Litigation Management
Risk Management Standards
Sexual Misconduct Cases

Bad Faith
Third Party Administrator Standards
Captive Insurance Management
Agent & Broker Standards and Practices
Unfair Claims and Settlement Practices
Directors & Officers Liability
Errors & Omissions

Education

Juris Doctor - Cumberland School of Law, Samford University – Birmingham, AL - 2011

Masters of Business Administration, Global Business Management – Tempe, AZ – 2000

Certificate in Risk Management – Tempe, AZ - 1994

Bachelors of Science, Business Management – California Lutheran University – Thousand Oaks, CA - 1992

Associates Degree – Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ – 1990

Experience

Expert Witness Partners, PLLC – 2019-Current - Nashville, TN and Phoenix, AZ

Partner. Providing Insurance Expert Witness, Risk Management Consulting and Insurance Archaeology services as “The Insurance Archaeologist™”.

Sedgwick – 2017-2021 - Nashville, TN

Litigation Manager and Claims Team Lead for Sedgwick. Responsible for accounts including but not limited to, USA Cycling, Major League Baseball, Office Depot, Coca-Cola and FedEx Supply. Third party administrator handling exposures for product liability, general liability, commercial truck and auto liability, catastrophic bodily injury claims. Point person for securing new Sedgwick TPA accounts for clients with captive insurance programs. Monitor legal precedents and claims handling requirements/best practices for all 50 states. Research and ensure compliance of specialized risk management programs and claims handling directives for individual clients.

Norseman Consulting Group, Inc., - 2016-2017 – Nashville, TN

Director of Trinity American Insurance, a Delaware Captive Insurance Company, providing re-insurance for captive insurance carriers.

Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., - 2013-2016 - Brentwood, TN

On-Site vendor assigned to Tractor Supply Company corporate headquarters in Brentwood, TN as Senior Resolution Manager heading a team of adjusters responsible for the general liability claims against all Tractor Supply Company retail locations. Responsibilities included liability coverage analysis, review of commercial property lease agreements for all non-owned retail locations, attendance at all mediation and trial proceedings on behalf of TSC. Additional responsibilities included: Providing recommendations and coordinating the implementation of loss prevention measures with local retail location managers and employees. Providing annual in-person review of individual store loss history with retail location store managers. Liability policy review and providing written recommendations of coverage applicability. Supervising the set-up, investigation and establishment of over 200 bodily injury and property damage claims maintaining nearly a 100% closure rate.

Risk Management Services, Inc., - 2003-2013 - Tempe, AZ

In charge of the claims and litigation for all RMS Clients. Assisted in the development of custom risk management solutions for individual clients, including identifying specific risks and drafting custom insurance policies and litigation management programs to mitigate exposures and reduce legal defense expenses.

Directors and Officers Liability policy review and claims handling.

Property & Casualty Insurance Broker.

Coordinate and assist with yearly claims and actuarial reviews, audits and reports.

Managed construction defects litigation for commercial property developer Desert Troon Company.

Implemented and managed loss control and risk management procedures that resulted in the dramatic reduction of catastrophic bodily injury claims, reducing high deductible payouts thereby preserving the client's loss reserves and contributing substantially to portfolio growth.

Over 20 years-experience in litigation management for USA Swimming, (Amateur and Olympic Level, USA Swimming is the National Governing Body sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee under authority of the Federal Ted Stevens Amateur Athletic Act). Cases involved property damage, catastrophic bodily injury, sexual misconduct, Federal Anti-Trust and Directors and Officers Liability.

Managed captive insurance company for MVT Services Trucking Company based out of Las Cruces, NM including Cargo and Physical Damage losses for over 500 owner operator and independent drivers along with specialty risk programs.

Peak Insurance Group, Inc., - 1997-2003 - Phoenix, AZ

Established specialized risk management programs for clients with unique and difficult risks. Property & Casualty Broker. Provided industry specific, specialized programs for multiple clients including setting up and implementing litigation management programs. Licensed field adjuster for Peak Insurance Group. Responsible for vetting various business affiliations and employee hires including due diligence and background checks.

Anderson Law Offices – 1993-1994 - Jacksonville, FL

Assigned by Jardine Matheson North America (for whom Anderson Law was lead trial counsel) to assist in the defense of several clients. Responsibilities included legal research and trial preparation for Board Certified Trial Attorney. Duties also included investigations, deposition prep, expert witness identification and vetting.

Jardine Matheson North America- 1992-1997 - Phoenix, AZ

Brokered new commercial insurance accounts and serviced books of business for Account Executives. Introduction to claims management for self-insured clients. Licensed property and casualty insurance producer and adjuster.

Associations/Volunteer Work

Williamson County C.A.S.A (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for Williamson County, TN Juvenile Court. Volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children. Franklin, TN.

Literacy Council of Williamson County - Volunteer instructor of ESL (English as a second language) for advanced English - Franklin, TN.

Former Member of the Men's Art Council, Phoenix Art Museum, Arizona.

Expert Witness Case List and Deposition/Trial Testimony

Jane Doe v. US Swimming, Missouri Valley Swimming, Lexington/AIG et al. Case 0516-CV-23636, Jackson County Circuit Court, Kansas City, Missouri. Deposition Testimony Provided.

Ethan's Glenn Community Association, Inc. v. USI Southwest, Inc. Case No. 2019-15843 – 281st Judicial District, Harris County, TX. Trial Testimony Preparation.

William G. West, Trustee of Paula Douglass v. USI Southwest, Inc., et al. Case No. 2019-60723 – District Court 270th Judicial District, Harris County, TX (2021-2022)

Spencer Jackson v. SPC Leasing, et al. Opinion Only – No suit filed to date.

Arizona Broadway Theater v. Glendale Insurance, et al. Superior Court, County of Maricopa Case No. – CV 2020-010495. Successful settlement for client in COVID-19 related coverage case. Agent and Broker Standard of Care

KLOS v. Glendale Insurance, et al. Superior Court, County of Maricopa Case No. – CV 2020-010495. Successful settlement for client in COVID-19 related coverage case. Agent and Broker Standard of Care.

Pintar v. AAA Fire & Casualty, United States District Court, District of Nevada Case No. - 2:21-cv-00652-GMN-EJY. Deposition Testimony Provided. Bad Faith.

Orozco v. Lennar and Estrada Construction v. Jansick Insurance Group, Superior Court, County of Maricopa Case No - CV 2020-016485.

Craig Zuchelkowski v. Geico, United States District Court, District of Nevada Case No – 2:20-cv-02182-GMN-EJY.

Palmer v. Angel Insurance, South Carolina. Case No – 2019-CP-10-04631. Deposition Testimony Provided.

Rommel McCants v. Allstate Insurance Company, South Carolina, County of Orangeburg, Case No. – 2020CP3801114.

Robert and Joanne George v. State Farm, Arizona, Opinion provided for Examination under Oath.

Cynthia Boatright, as Representative of the Estate of Caroline Ekong and John Etim, Kokomma Ekong, and Kaeini Ekong v. Christopher Frick, James Frick and Cynthia Frick, Superior Court of Delaware, Case No. – N17C-09-180 CEB.

Juan Familia v. John Kovacs – Case No. 17-008688 CA 31. Deposition Testimony Provided.

Whitestone Ahwatukee Plaza v. Chicago Title – Case No. CV2021-009119.

Brightstar Corp., v. Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. and Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services - Case No. 2021-001340-CA-01

Robert George and Jo Anne George v. State Farm – Case No. CV2022-004213. Deposition Testimony Provided.

Iron Woman Construction & Environmental Services, LLC, et al v. Flood & Peterson Insurance, Inc. – Case No. 2022 CV 32402.

Peninsula at St. John Condominium Association, Jacksonville, Florida – Risk Management Consulting.

Advance Tank and Construction Company, Flood & Peterson Insurance, Inc. – Risk Management Consulting.

Jeffery and Michele Schaff v. The Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Company, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Case No.: 2019 L 007588.

Thomas Rymell, M.D. v. State Farm Lloyds Company, Stephen Greer, In the District Court of Tarrant County Texas, 67th Judicial District, CAUSE NO. 067-333499-22.

Bucchino General Contracting LLC and Michael Bucchino v. Diamond Agency, LLC.

Agent Alliance Insurance Company v. Stuart Wilson. Superior Court, J.D. of New London, New London, CT, Case No. KNL-CV-21-6050086-S.

SSA Architecture, Small Studio Associates, LLC and Kenneth C. Small Jr, and Accelerated Construction, Inc. v. M&O Agencies, Inc., The Mahoney Group, Jake Sanders and Shari Reshig, Eighth District Court Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-22-850933-C.

U.S. Stem Cell Clinic, LLC. v. Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc., and Anya Penate, In the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, FL, Case No.: 2020-008339-CA-01.

Jeffery and Michelle Schaff v. The Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Company, The Phoenix Insurance Company, G.W. Nitzsche, Inc., d/b/a Servpro of Wheaton and HUB International Midwest, in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Case No.:2019L7588.

Handler Corporation v. West American Insurance d/b/a/ Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Superior Court of Delaware, Case No. - N21C-04-016 VLM.

Dupre v. Great American Insurance, Louisiana Case No. - Case No. 2019-002055 Div. B.

W.J. Richardson & Sons Co., LLC v. KVS Hotels, LLC., et al. Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of Maricopa Case No. CV-2022-050625.

C.C. v. Doe et al., Superior Court State of California in the County of Los Angeles, Chatsworth Courthouse, Case No. 22CHCV01419

I have been in the insurance industry for over 30 years, working as a Licensed Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance Broker, Licensed Property and Casualty Insurance Adjuster, Litigation Manager for wholly owned, Captive Insurance companies as well as handling Property and Casualty Insurance claims for two of the country's top Third Party Administrative Companies. I currently hold an Insurance Producer Property and Casualty license in the State of Arizona and have held non-resident licenses in several other states, including but not limited to Colorado, Ohio, South Carolina and Wyoming and have been licensed as a Property and Casualty Insurance adjuster, both resident and non-resident, in nearly all 50 states including but not limited to, Arizona, New York, Florida, Colorado, California, Texas. I am also providing consulting services as an Insurance Archaeologist to identify and locate any missing historic insurance policies that may be responsive to legacy tort matters including Child Victims' Act and other misconduct claims. To the extent required, I also provide a claims advocacy component to secure the requisite defense and indemnity obligations from any responsive insurers as identified through insurance archaeology.