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## PRACTICE GROUPS

- Appellate
- Insurance
- Water Law
- Construction
- Women in Construction

## EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, J.D., 1987  
Bates College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1984



## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cheryl A. Orr is a partner in the Firm's Los Angeles office. Ms. Orr handles general litigation matters, with a particular expertise in insurance coverage law, including general liability, professional liability, advertising injury, directors & officers, and construction defect. In addition, she is part of the Firm's water law practice group, having experience in rate-making and water rights litigation. She is also a Certified Specialist in Appellate Law in the State of California. As an appellate specialist, Ms. Orr handles civil appeals and writes in the California Court of Appeal, the California Supreme State and in the Ninth Circuit. Ms. Orr has a number of successful appeals to her credit, including several published opinions in the insurance field.

Ms. Orr has practiced in the California state and federal courts. In addition, she is admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit and before the United States Supreme Court. She has been active as a member of the Appellate Courts Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association since 1992. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Ms. Orr is the editor of Musick Peeler's *Insurance Law* Blog.

## RECOGNITION

Ms. Orr has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a *Top Rated Appellate Attorney* as well as a *Southern California Super Lawyers Top Women 2016*.

## PUBLICATIONS

### INSURANCE POSTINGS

- Subrogation Alert: Insurer May Not File a Subrogation Action Against Third Parties if the Insured is a Suspended Corporation 12.06.2018
- Update: Ace American Ins. Co. v. Fireman's Fund Ins. Co. Settled 04.14.2017
- Ninth Circuit Holds That Diamond Heights Represents Controlling California Law On The Duty Of An Excess Insurer To Accept A Reasonable Settlement 04.14.2017
- The Notice-Prejudice Rule In California: Is It A Fundamental Public Policy? 02.01.2017
- BREAKING NEWS: California Supreme Court To Weigh In On Excess Insurer's Standing To Sue Primary Insurer For Bad Faith Failure To Settle When Excess Insurer Contributes To A Settlement On Behalf Of The Insured 11.14.2016
- Liability Risk Retention Act Preempts Alaska Statute Prohibiting Insurers From Seeking Reimbursement of Defense Fees 09.29.2016
- Paper or Plastic? What An Insurer Knew or Should Have Known May Prevent Rescission 05.25.2016
- New California Law Affecting Insurance Companies Which Have Exclusive Agreements With Court Reporters Or Guidelines Requiring Use Of A Particular Court Reporting Service 02.22.2016
- California Insurance Law: Issues On The Horizon For 2016 01.25.2016

### INSURANCE NOTES

- California Court of Appeal Refuses to Enforce What it Deems an Escape "Other Insurance" Clause in Defense Fee Dispute Between Primary Insurers 11.18.2015
- Employment Related Practices Exclusion Bars Claim Arising From Workplace Incident 10.10.2014
- Ninth Circuit Does a *Du* Over 11.07.2012
- Ninth Circuit Expands Tort For Insurer Bad Faith Failure To Settle 07.12.2012
- Attorney-Client Communications Related To Mediation Neither Discoverable Nor Admissible To Prove Legal Malpractice 02.02.2011
- Insurer Conduct that Violates Unfair Insurance Practices Act Can Give Rise to Private Right of Action Under Unfair Competition Law 12.15.2009
- Court of Appeal Refuses To Let Insured Get Away With An Objectively False Representation in a Policy Application 10.29.2008
- Insurers Seeking Contribution Are Not Bound by Insured's Agreement To Arbitrate 02.07.2008

- Commercial General Liability Policies Do Not Cover Unwanted Faxes 03.08.2007
- An Excess Insurer's Duty To Defend: In Suspended Animation Or Not? 11.01.2005

## DECISIONS

- Lucia Gonzalez v. Seal Methods, Inc. 02.19.2014
- Karton v. Dougherty 03.02.2009
- Cohen v. Health Net of California, Inc. 04.27.2005
- Canton Poultry & Deli, Inc. v. Stockwell, Harris, Widom & Woolverton 07.10.2003
- Bird, Marella, Boxer & Wolpert v. Superior Court 03.07.2003
- Low v. Golden Eagle Insurance 11.20.2002
- Martin vs. World Savings & Loan Association 10.02.2001
- Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital vs. Blue Cross of California 08.10.2000

## NEWS

- California Supreme Court issues Decision on Notice-Prejudice Rule in Pitzer College v. Indian Harbor Ins. Co., S239510 (Aug. 29, 2019) 08.29.2019
- Read the latest Insurance Blog by Partner Cheryl A. Orr 09.10.2018
- 2014 Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating 09.29.2014
- Seventeen Attorneys Designated Super Lawyers or Rising Stars for 2013 02.20.2013
- Thirteen Partners Named Southern California Super Lawyers for 2012 02.16.2012
- Twelve Partners Selected as Southern California Super Lawyers 02.22.2010
- William Miller, Cheryl Orr and Lourdes de la Cruz prevail with motion for summary judgment in healthcare antitrust class action 03.08.2009

## EVENT

- Cheryl Orr and David Tartaglio to speak at AGC's 2019 Legal Advisory Committee Retreat 08.29.2019

## ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of California
- United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Districts of California
- United States Supreme Court
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member of the Appellate Courts Committee
- Phi Beta Kappa, Member