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PRACTICE GROUPS

- Insurance
- Construction

EDUCATION

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, J.D., 1987

Brigham Young University, B.A., 1984



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Steven Adams is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office. For more than 30 years as a business litigator, Mr. Adams has represented insurance carriers in major coverage disputes, architects and contractors in a wide variety of construction related actions, attorneys in legal malpractice actions and businesses and individuals in property damage and personal injury suits.

In his insurance litigation practice, Mr. Adams represents insurers in complex, multiparty disputes arising under primary and excess policies. These actions have involved coverage claims relative to environmental contamination, product defects, construction and design defects, bodily injury due to chemical exposure and "bad faith" issues arising from such disputes. He has also defended insurance agents and brokers, and has represented insurers as plaintiffs in contribution, indemnity and premium collection actions.

Mr. Adams has appeared before the California state and federal trial and appellate courts, and he has handled litigation in various jurisdictions throughout the country.

PUBLICATIONS

INSURANCE POSTING

- Ace American Insurance Company v. Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, 2016 WL 4156686 (August 5, 2016): Primed for Review by the California Supreme Court 08.22.2016

INSURANCE NOTES

- Ace American Insurance Company v. Fireman's Fund Insurance Company (2016) 2 Cal.App. 5th 159 08.22.2016
- Settling Insurer Seeking Contribution Is Entitled To Present All Relevant Evidence, Including Post-Settlement Expert Testimony 03.03.2015
- Vacancy Exclusion Barred Coverage For Vandalism Claim; Insurance Broker's Duty Was To Procure Insurance Requested By Client, Not What May Be Required By Lender 05.08.2013
- Umbrella Insurer Held Required To "Drop Down" And Defend Discrimination Claims 10.15.2012
- Can an Additional Insured Satisfy the SIR? No, if the Policy Language Clearly Says it Cannot 05.17.2010
- Appellate Court Permits "Stacking" of Limits and Finds One "Occurrence" In Environmental Contamination Case 02.19.2009
- Primary Insurer's Payment of Less Than the Underlying Limit Fails to Trigger Excess Policy, Even Though Insured Incurred Loss Over the Underlying Limit 04.09.2008
- Quasi-Judicial Proceedings Before An Administrative Agency Board May Trigger A Duty To Defend Depending On The Definition Of "Suit" 07.18.2007
- Excess Insurer Has No Subrogation Claim For Primary Insurer's Unreasonable Failure To Settle Unless... 08.25.2006
- Can't A "Person" Just Be A "Person?" 10.01.2005

DECISIONS

- First State Insurance Company vs Superior Court (2000) 06.23.2014
- Travelers Property Casualty Company of America et al., v. Superior Court and Koram Insurance Center v. Superior Court 04.18.2013

COMMUNITY

During the past 20 years, Mr. Adams has also served in leadership positions in his church that have allowed him to serve youth and families throughout Los Angeles, particularly in our inner city communities. His language (he also speaks Spanish) and legal skills have been important in this effort.

ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of California