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#### CURRICULUM VITAE

**EDUCATION:** University of California at Santa Barbara, Bachelor of Arts - Political Science 1975

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles - Juris Doctor 1978

Fraternal affiliations: Sigma Chi Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

State Bar of California (admitted November,1978), State Bar of Georgia (admitted June, 2007) American Bar Association, Member of Tort and Litigation Practice Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Atlanta Bar Association; Georgia Trial Lawyers Association; Sandy Springs Bar Association, Licensed Life Insurance Agent in State of California

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

## Law Offices of Jeffrey D. Diamond,

1995 - Present

AV-rated attorney specializing in insurance law, including expert witness and consultation services regarding first and third party coverage questions and policy interpretation concerning property, liability, life, health and disability claims, Examinations Under Oath, declaratory relief and civil litigation, "bad faith" litigation, construction defect litigation, appraisal, arbitration, trial and appellate proceedings, and general civil matters, including business and real estate litigation. Certified Mediator.

# Gauntlett & Associates

1997-1998

AV-rated attorney specializing in insurance law, including expert witness and consultation services regarding first and third party coverage questions and policy interpretation on behalf of policyholders concerning intellectual property issues, property insurance, liability, life, health and disability in appraisal, arbitration, general civil and business litigation including trial and appellate proceedings.

## Slott and Diamond

1988 -1994

Partner of AV-rated firm specializing in insurance law, including coverage questions and policy interpretation, Examinations Under Oath, declaratory relief litigation, "bad faith" litigation, third party defense and construction defect litigation, appraisal, arbitration, and trial proceedings, legal questions concerning property, liability, health, disability and life insurance claims, contract interpretation, duty to defend and general civil matters, including business and real estate litigation.

## Grossman and Diamond

1986 -1987

Partner of firm specializing in insurance law, including coverage questions and policy interpretation, examinations under oath, declaratory relief litigation, "bad faith" litigation, appraisal, arbitration, and trial proceedings.

## Wasserman, Comden & Casselman

1985

"Of Counsel" to the firm as head of first party insurance unit responsible for analysis of and opinions on coverage questions and policy interpretation, examinations under oath, "bad faith" defense litigation, declaratory relief litigation, appraisal, arbitration and trial proceedings.

## Simon, Buckner, Haile & Migdal

1981-1985

Specialization in first party property insurance defense, including coverage questions and policy

interpretation, examinations under oath, "bad faith" litigation, third party defense, declaratory relief litigation, appraisal, arbitration and trial proceedings.

#### Staitman & Snyder,

1978-1981

First and third party defense, business litigation, real estate broker litigation, coverage questions and policy interpretation, general litigation and trial practice.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Guest Speaker: "Claim Representation and Litigation Responsibilities" - Allstate Insurance Company, Marina District Claims Office - August, 1983.

Guest Speaker: "Concurrent Causation" - United Pacific/Reliance Insurance Companies, Santa Ana Regional Claims Office - May, 1984.

**Guest Speaker:** "Don't Let Your Real Property Claims Slide: An Update on Concurrent Causation" -Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Los Angeles - September, 1987.

Author: "Managing Agent Liability," California Broker Magazine, October, 1991.

Guest Interviewee: "Insurance Round Table" Radio Program on KBLA-AM Radio - January, 1992.

Guest Speaker: "Managing Agent Liability" - Ventura County Association of Health Underwriters - May, 1992

Guest Speaker: "Earthquake Claims Seminar" -Sponsored by Rubin, Palache & Associates, Public Adjusters and James R. Gary, Realtors - February, 1995

**Guest Speaker:** "Earthquake Claims Seminar" -Sponsored by Farmers Insurance Group Policy Holders -April, 1995

**Instructor:** Los Angeles Valley College Paralegal Academy, "Contracts /Business Law," "Evidence" "Torts," "Law and Motion," "Commencement of the Lawsuit," "Trial Preparation," "Post-Trial Motions and Appeals" and "Insurance" Modules, 1995-2007

Adjunct Professor: Georgia State University College of Law-Insurance Law, 2009-2012

Adjunct Professor: University of West Los Angeles School of Law, San Fernando Valley Campus-Insurance Law, 1995-1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006

MCLE Instructor: San Fernando Valley Bar Association MCLE Marathon, January, 2001-"Fundamentals of Insurance Coverage for the General Practitioner;" San Fernando Valley Bar Association MCLE Marathon, January, 2002-"Update on Insurance Coverage Issues for the General Practitioner"

**Guest Speaker**: Insurance Dispute Resolution Center Appraisal Conference, "Appraisers and Umpires Immunity"-February, "Legal Writing for Appraisers and Umpires," September, 1997

**Guest Speaker:** Institute for Conflict Resolution Mediation Training Seminar, "Observations of an Attorney Practitioner in Mediation," Fairmont Hotel, Santa Monica, July 2006

**Guest Speaker:** Atlanta Risk and Insurance Management Society Education Conference, "Principles of Risk Transfer," Atlanta, February 2009

**Guest Speaker:** Windstorm Insurance Network Regional Symposium, "Science and Law of Hail Damage," Emory University Conference Center, Atlanta, May 2011

Guest Speaker: Windstorm Insurance Network Annual Insurance Conference, "Depositions and Examinations Under Oath," Orlando, January 2012

**Instructor**: National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, "Commercial Damages: Legal Theory and Case Law, Expert Witness Bookcamp, Webinars on Various Topics, 2007-2012

**Instructor:** Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques-Emory School of Law, 2008-2012

Published Decisions-Preis v. American Indemnity (1990) 220 Cal. App. 3d 752; Michelson v. Mid-Century Insurance Company (2000) 83 Cal. App.4th 450; Bialo v. Western Mutual Ins. Co. (2002) 95 Cal. App.4th 68. Israel-Curley v. California Fair Plan (2005) 126 Cal. App.4th 123; Arocho v California Fair Plan (2005) 134 Cal. App.4th 461; Mid-Century v. Superior Court (2006) 138 Cal. App.4th 769; Medill v. Westport Ins. Corp. (2006) 143 Cal. App.4th 819

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