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Education

King's College
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania A.B., Economics

University of Maryland School of Law J.D.

Military

U. S. Navy, Active Duty, 1954-1956

Experience

Panelist, Contract Dispute Resolution Board, April, 2000 -----
Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings,
City of New York

Mediation-Arbitration practice January, 1997 -----

Expert Witness: Insurance coverages, January, 1997 -----
Extra-contractual and bad faith litigation,
Federal Fair Housing investigations and litigation

Small Claims Arbitration: Civil February, 1999 -----
Court of the City of New York

State Farm Insurance Companies 1962 - 1996
One State Farm Plaza Retired December, 1996
Corporate Law Department
Bloomington, Illinois 61710

Title: Vice President - Counsel - Corporate Law Department

Responsibilities:

- Federal and state legislative, regulatory and public policy responsibilities
- Established in-house Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs
- Managed major litigation against State Farm, including bad faith, extra-contractual, class action and insurance coverage cases
- Developed court delay and litigation cost reduction programs
- Established several subsidiary companies. Created staff counsel operations, including administrative responsibility for 40 law offices and over 400 lawyers

- Counsel to corporate general departments: including Actuary, Underwriting, Claims, Agency, and Product Planning and Development
- Special Counsel to Urban Markets Division

1962 - 1968 - Supervised Insurance Claims in Southwest Region, Dallas, Texas. Responsibilities include claims arising in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Bar Admissions

Maryland (1960); Texas (1965); Illinois (1991); United States Supreme Court (1990); New York (1997).

Professional Associations

American Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Maryland State Bar Association, Texas State Bar Association, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Defense Research Institute, CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution, National Institute For Dispute Resolution, College of the State Bar of Texas, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York State Bar Association, Advisory Board of CPR Fair Housing Mediation Panel, ARIAS (AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Society), and Association for Conflict Resolution.

Publications

- A Parallel Course for HMO and Litigation Cost Containment? Seven Steps to Success for Defense Firms and Insurers - American Bar Association, The Brief, Winter, 2000
- Managed Care Update - ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section -Tort Source, Spring, 1999.
- Hopwood v. State of Texas - Affirmative Action - Law School Admissions, ABA Commission on Minorities Goal IX, Spring 1999.
- Ethical Issues Relating to Staff Counsel Representation of Insureds - Tort and Insurance Law Journal, Fall, 1994.
- The Effect of Civil Justice Reform on Personal Lines of Insurance - For the Defense, January, 1994.
- Defending Against Punitive Damages, prepared chapter on Awarding Bad Faith and Punitive Damage Litigation in Insurance Claim Disputes. Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel, 1993.
- Creating and Maintaining an Effective Relationship Between Counsel and the Claim Professional, Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium: The Defense Research Institute, Inc., 1990.
- The Insurance Industry's Effect on Civil Litigation, The Judges Journal, Vol. 29, No. 3, Summer, 1990.
- How Companies Select and Retain Outside Counsel, The Brief (American Bar Association), Fall, 1986.
- Proximate vs. Concurrent Causation: The California Syndrome, 1 Texas Insurance Law Reporter, Vol. 1, No. 6, April, 1984.
- Causation Problems in Damage Losses, Will the California Illness Spread?, Insurance Claim and Litigation Supervisor Seminar; The Defense Research Institute, Inc. Course Book 83-1, 1983.

- Property Insurance and Fair Housing, The Forum (American Bar Association), Winter, 1983.
- FAIR Plans - Revisited, ABA, Section Insurance, Negligence and Compensation, 1970:154.
- Urban Area Insurance Crisis and the Urban Property Protection and Reinsurance Act of 1968, The Forum (American Bar Association), 5:17, October, 1969.

American Bar Association

- 2002 - Member ABA Task Force on Federal Class Action Legislation
- 2000 - 2001 Chair, ABA Working Group on Federal Class Action Legislation
- 1999 - 2002 ABA Special Committee on Government Affairs
- 1997 - ABA Representative to Board of Trustees of National Pre-suit Mediation Program, Inc.
- 1995 - Member, Section on Dispute Resolution
- 1995 - 1999: Member, ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Legal Profession
- 1993 - 1999: ABA House of Delegates
- 1993 - 1994: ABA President's Task Force on Civil Justice Reform
- 1992 - 1993: Chair, Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)
- 1991 - 1993: TIPS Task Force on Initiatives and Referendums
- 1986 - 1996: Judicial Division's Task Force on Reduction of Litigation Cost and Delay
- 1986 - 1988: Chairman, TIPS Task Force on Litigation Cost and Delay
- 1985 - 1999: Member of Council of Tort Insurance Practices Section (TIPS)
- 1984 - 1985: Chair, Long Range Planning Committee (TIPS)
- 1983 - 1984: Chair, National Institute Committee (TIPS)
- 1982 - 1983: Chair, Property Insurance Law Committee (TIPS)
- 1978 - 1982: Vice-Chair, Property Insurance Law Committee (TIPS)
- 1975 - Member, ABA Section of Antitrust

Special Training

Alternative Dispute Resolution: in addition to numerous ABA courses in arbitration and mediation, I am certified as a mediator following a 40 hour federal mediation training program. The course was given in Memphis, Tennessee and was entitled, "Federal Mediation Training Course." Completed arbitrator's training programs given by Civil Courts of the City of New York, Small Claims Division, National Arbitration Forum and numerous ABA arbitrator training programs.

Expert Witness

Since retiring in 1996, I have been retained as an expert witness in several matters in litigation. These matters concerned allegations of insurer bad faith, coverage questions, insurer insolvency, and issues arising from lawyers serving on boards of directors.