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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cassel & Cassel, P.A., Hollywood, FL

May 2019 – July 2022

Responsible for the oversight and litigation of residential and commercial first party property insurance matters throughout the state of Florida. Successfully resolved numerous cases on behalf of insured homeowners, business owners, and associations.

Heritage Property & Casualty Insurance Co., Sunrise, FL

Chief Litigation Counsel: February 2018 - April 2019

Managing Attorney, Staff Counsel: November 2016 - February 2018

Recruited, developed, and managed a team of over 30 lawyers and staff to handle all residential first party property matters through the staff counsel operation, which included overseeing and guiding strategy for thousands of legal matters. Personally negotiated and resolved hundreds of Hurricane Irma claims through the use of global settlement conferences. Designed a custom litigation management software program to assist in legal file management.

Kelley Kronenberg, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Partner: 2012 - November 2016

Senior Associate and Appellate Counsel: February 2010 – 2012

Responsible for first party and third party insurance defense cases throughout the state of Florida from inception through appeal, including trying cases to verdict. Case types include: first party property matters for residential, commercial, and sinkhole claims and third party litigation including: general liability; wrongful death; products liability; construction accident; construction defect; and subrogation claims. Managed a team of associate attorneys and staff; also oversaw legal training and compliance with insurance client guidelines for the Property & Casualty Department.

Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, FL

Associate and Appellate Counsel: December 2004 – January 2010

Handled complex general liability, toxic tort/environmental, and construction defect claims from inception through appeal, including: close client contact and preparation of all client reports; preparation of responsive pleadings; preparation of all discovery; conduct depositions of plaintiffs, fact witnesses, and expert witnesses; preparation and argument of all pre-trial motions, including substantive motions to dismiss for fraud on the court and motions for summary judgment; conduct mediation/arbitration; extensive planning and implementation of pre-trial and trial strategy; participation in cases tried to verdict; and preparation of appellate briefs and successful argument in front of the District Courts of Appeal.

Mager Law Group, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, FL

Associate: April 2004 – December 2004; Law Clerk: June 2002 – April 2004

Assisted in handling complex long term care and general liability defense litigation, including: preparation of evaluations and client reports; conduct incident site inspections and employee interviews; attendance at deposition of fact witnesses and insured clients; preparation and argument of pretrial motions; attendance at trial to assist the primary attorneys handling file; assisted in research and writing of pre/post trial motions and briefs for final and non-final appeals.

SEMINARS GIVEN

Decorum in Litigation Panel Speaker, FAIR Foundation Virtual Conference, October 2020;
How to Effectively Mediate First Party Property Cases, 21st Annual Windstorm Insurance Conference, January 2020;
Interacting with the Insured's Representatives, FIFEC, Fighting Insurance Fraud through Education and Commitment 2017 Conference, June 2017;
Fraud Updates and Defense Strategies for Property Claims, South Florida Claims Association Continuing Education Seminar, March 2016;
Medicare and the Collateral source Rule, November 2015;
Keeping Liability Claims Under Control, August 2015;
Interacting with the Insured's Representatives, FIFEC, Fighting Insurance Fraud through Education and Commitment 2015 Conference, June 2015;
Assignment of Benefits: The Trends, the Law, and Tips on Handling Claims, South Florida Claims Association Annual Meeting, May 2015;
Interacting with the Insured's Representatives, FACAP, Florida Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention, Annual Conference, November 2014;
Slips, Trips & Falls – Legal Updates and Defense Strategies, October 2014;
Fraud Updates and Defense Strategies, South Florida Claims Association General Meeting, September 2014;
Legal Update & Defense Strategies for Auto Claims and How to Avoid Bad Faith, August 2014;
Back to the Future, Exploring Fraud Issues in a World Without PIP, Presenter at the FIFEC Florida Insurance Fraud Education Committee 22nd Annual Conference, June 2014;
Crisis Response and Communications, Presenter at the Associated General Contractors of America Safety Committee Meeting, March 2014;
Fraud Updates & Defense Strategies for Property and Casualty Claims, February 2014;
Slips and Falls – Legal Updates and Defense Strategies, 2013;
Liability & Workers Compensation, 2013;
Slips, Falls, and Fraudulent Claims, 2013;
Defense Strategies and Legal Updates for Liability Claims, 2013;
Defense Strategies for Automobile Claims, 2013;
The WebMD Syndrome: Self Diagnosis, 2013;
Legal Update and Overview in General Liability and Automobile Liability, 2012, 2010;
Law and Media, 2010;
Premises Liability, Automobile Liability and Defense Strategies, 2008;

PUBLICATIONS

Job Site Injuries: A Look at Worker's Compensation Immunity and the Current Legal Trends, Construction Ink!, Construction Association of South Florida, Spring/Summer 2015

VOLUNTEER WORK

Gold Coast Region, PCA, 2015 - 2019
Broward County Schools, Coral Glades High School, 2006-2012
Parc Court Condominium Association, Inc., 2006-2013

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida, April 2004

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2007

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2009

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Juris Doctorate, December 2003 *Magna Cum Laude*

Honors: Goodwin Scholar (full academic scholarship 2001-2003)

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Bachelor of Arts, December 1999, *with Honors*