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MIRIAM GREGORY, ESQ.

WORKERS COMPENSATION LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

EM Legal, APC

Senior Attorney

Calabasas, CA

February 2022 – Present

- Continuation of similar duties from Timbol & Kaplan.
- Providing regular complimentary legal consultations to clients on non-litigated and/or unREFERRED claims.

Timbol & Kaplan

AmTrust North America

Staff Counsel

West Hills, CA

November 2020 – January 2023

- Continuation of similar duties from Llarena, Murdock, Lopez & Azizad.
- I handled the defense of approximately 90 claims from inception, through discovery, trial preparation, and trial/settlement. I conducted discovery on all aspects of claims by deposition of applicants, medical-legal evaluators, and primary treating physicians, interview of witnesses, and written discovery. I prepared various pleadings including Petitions, Objections, Trial Briefs, Appeals, and settlement documents.
- I drafted comprehensive reporting to clients wherein I (1) analyzed and appraised legal issues, (2) applied the Labor Code and Regulations along with leading court decisions; and (3) identified the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions providing clear guidance on how to best move a claim to resolution.
- I provided solutions to queries posed by clients during monthly Roundtable conferences with approximately 20 participants, including claims adjusters, supervisors, and colleagues. During each Roundtable, I reviewed facts and issues for 5-10 claims and effectively communicated a legal analysis with recommended course of action.
- Negotiated resolution of claims by settlements with opposing counsel where more economically beneficial for the client, but with primary focus on successful disposition of case through trial, if necessary.

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Llarena, Murdock, Lopez & Azizad

Sherman Oaks, CA

Associate Attorney

February 2019 – November 2020

- Continuation of similar duties from Ditz, Gilmore & Chazen.
- Presented seminars to insurer clients on current case law in areas of workers compensation such as Panel Qualified Medical Examinations, vocational rehabilitation, 132A and serious and willful claims and elements of compensability.
- Represented a variety of insurers, third party administrators, and self-insured employers in all aspects of Workers' Compensation defense and maintained rapport with employer contacts.
- Conducted discovery on all aspects of claims by deposition of applicants and physicians, interview of witnesses, and written discovery.

Dietz, Gilmore & Chazen

Encino, CA

Associate Attorney

April 2018 – February 2019

- Represented a variety of insurers, third party administrators, and self-insured employers in all aspects of Workers' Compensation defense.
- Conducted discovery on all aspects of claims by deposition of applicants and physicians, review of claim files, interview of witnesses, written discovery and sub rosa surveillance.
- Negotiated resolution of claims by settlements with opposing counsel where more economically beneficial for the client, but with primary focus on successful disposition of case through trial, if necessary.

Law Offices of Wolf & O'Connor (Liberty Mutual Insurance Company) Woodland Hills, CA

Associate Attorney

October 2014 – April 2018

- Represented Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in all aspects of Workers' Compensation defense at the Workers Compensation Appeals Board.
- Managed caseload of workers' compensation matters in fast-paced environment, including depositions, cross-examinations, settlement negotiations, preparation of Petitions and Objections, and trial litigation.
- Communicated with leadership team and clients, providing recommendations and rendering legal opinions and advice; develop and maintain productive working rapport with claims adjusters, employers, management, opposing counsel, vendors, and experts.
- Researched and drafted Petitions and Objections; analyze, review, and interpret laws, statutes, regulations, legal documents and expert reports, and perform analysis of legal issues.

OTHER NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles Community College

Los Angeles, CA

Instructor in the Extension/Workforce Training

2020-2022

- Served as an Instructor in the Los Angeles Valley College Paralegal Program, teaching subjects of Workers Compensation to classes of approximately 25 students.
- In doing so, I prepared and presented lesson plans on the purpose and organization of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and Division of Workers' Compensation and the underlying philosophy of workers' compensation legislation. I instructed students on the principles and provisions of the Labor Code and Regulations, leading court decisions, and rules of evidence governing proceedings.

Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan

Los Angeles, CA

Associate Attorney, Coverage and Monitoring Counsel

July 2013 – August 2014

- Served as coverage and monitoring counsel for domestic and international insurers, navigating claims to resolution while ensuring that the insurer's coverage obligations are fulfilled.
- Analyzed insurance claim submissions together with insurance policy language to identify and advise insurers regarding potential coverage issues and claim exposure.
- Served as coverage litigation counsel, defending insurers against breach of contract, bad faith, and unfair practices claims in state and federal court.

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Los Angeles, CA

Legal Extern to the Honorable Harry Pregerson

August 2010 – December 2010

- Conducted extensive legal research on numerous topics and drafted memoranda advising on applicable law, including the legality of the Board of Immigration Appeals' denial of a petitioner's motion to reopen a claim.
- Drafted bench memoranda for judicial use during oral arguments.
- Composed *en banc* memoranda advising on judicial ruling.
- Analyzed and discussed implications of potential decisions with Judge Pregerson.

BAR MEMBERSHIP / LICENSES

- State Bar of California (Bar No. 281083)
- Licensed to practice law in all courts in California and the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of Law, *Juris Doctorate*

Malibu, CA

Class Rank:

Top 33%

Awards:

Dean's List; CALI Award for Highest Grade in Immigration Law and War Crimes Course; Witkin Award Recipient for Immigration Law

Activities:

Pepperdine Asylum and Refugee Law Clinic

University of California, San Diego, *B.A. Cum Laude*

San Diego, CA

Honors:

Provost's Honors