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Jeffrey Commisso is special counsel in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's San Diego office.

Areas of Practice

Jeffrey brings extensive insurance-litigation and insurance industry experience to his clients. He committed his early career to advising and representing insurance companies in high-stakes litigation where he established a reputation for thoughtful, efficient, and results-focused representation. In the 2010s he began what would be nearly a decade as a claims officer and inside claims counsel for Fortune-500 carriers where he led claims personnel and oversaw more than two billion dollars in exposure at any one time. His inside experience provides valuable insight into the needs and calculations of key stakeholders, including underwriters and actuaries, and the factors they consider when evaluating risk, identifying trends, or developing new products.

He returned to practice in 2020, again representing carriers in litigation and at trial, where he puts his industry experience to effective use. He is a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) and an active member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel and the Defense Research Institute. Given his unique background and perspective, Jeffrey is sought out frequently as an expert speaker on insurance issues.

Experience

U.S. v. Ritchie, 342 F.3d 903 (9th Cir. 2003)

Banco de Mexico v. Orient Fisheries, Inc., 680 F.Supp.2d 1132 (C.D. Cal. 2010)

Palacin v. Allstate Ins. Co., 119 Cal.App.4th 855 (2004)

Adams v. Allstate Ins. Co., 187 F.Supp.2d 1219 (C.D. Cal. 2002)

Adams v. Allstate Ins. Co., 187 F.Supp.2d 1207 (C.D. Cal. 2002)

Campanelli v. Allstate Ins. Co., 97 F.Supp.2d 1211 (C.D. Cal. 2000)

Quest Software, Inc. v. DirecTV Operations, LLC, No. SACV 09-1232, 2011 WL 4500922 (C.D. Cal. September 26, 2011)

Associated Elec. & Gas Ins. Services Ltd. v. Chapman & Associates, Inc., No. A123915, 2011 WL 245467 (Cal. Ct. App. January 27, 2011)

Monugian v. Desarrollo Marina Vallarta S.A. DE C.V., No. CV 08-1497, 2008 WL 11336862 (C.D. Cal. December 15, 2008)

Wixon v. Wyndham Resort Development Corp., No. C07-02361 JSW, 2008 WL 1777590 (N.D. Cal. April 18, 2008)
Moreno v. Allstate Ins. Co., No. CIV-S02-1426, 2002 WL 31133203 (C.D. Cal. September 10, 2002).

Practices

Litigation

Insurance Litigation

Appellate

Industries

Insurance

Education

J.D., University of San Francisco, 1997, *magna cum laude*

B.A., California State University, Fresno, 1994

Admissions

California

all trial and appellate courts in California

Minnesota

all trial and appellate courts in Minnesota

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, all California Districts

U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern, Eastern, and Central Districts of California