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PRACTICES

Product Liability

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EXPERIENCE

Joseph R. Coriaty focuses his practice on civil litigation and product liability matters. He counsels and defends businesses and insurance companies in a wide variety of claims from pre-lawsuit negotiation and evaluation through trial or alternative dispute resolution. Joe regularly defends companies in complex product liability matters, including manufacturers and distributors of consumer appliances and electronics, power tools, auto component parts and electronics, and industrial electrical equipment. Joe has acted as national counsel for numerous multinational manufacturing companies by directing and supervising local counsel nationwide with resolution and litigation strategies. He has successfully represented manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in state and federal courts.

Joe has also represented transportation companies alleged to have contributed to catastrophic personal injury or property damage, and has defended clients who provide a range of services, including commercial cargo carriers and transportation providers. He has successfully defended matters involving claims for wrongful death and allegations of traumatic brain injury (TBI), soft tissue injuries, and orthopedic injuries.

In addition, Joe has experience defending premises liability, general liability, insurance, and construction defect matters. His familiarity with the needs of his clients' businesses enables him to work with his clients and the appropriate experts to consistently deliver efficient results, from receipt of a demand letter or complaint to closing of the file.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Transportation

- Settled matter for a small percentage of anticipated defense costs following a policy-limit demand in a case involving catastrophic personal injury and TBI after demonstrating that the incident occurred due to the plaintiff violating the client's written policies and proving that the plaintiff's claimed damages were attributable to a pre-existing injury.
- Settled matter at mediation at a fraction of the settlement demand against a prominent plaintiff's firm in a matter with TBI and loss of consortium claims after proving the plaintiffs' claimed damages were attributable to pre-existing injuries and despite admitting liability.

General Liability

- Settled a matter in federal court for four figures before the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment response was due in a slip-and-fall case where the plaintiff's husband was the dean of a large state university law school.

Product Liability

- Settled complex fire subrogation action on behalf of a major auto parts manufacturer for less than ten cents on the dollar in federal court before mediation and the conclusion of expert discovery.

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- Resolved case for a fraction offered by the plaintiff at a Mandatory Settlement Conference after disproving a defect that the plaintiff's expert attempted to shoehorn in from an entirely different product.
- Procured dismissal with prejudice before the plaintiff's and cross-complainant property owner's motion for summary judgment responses were due following a complaint and cross-complaint demanding seven figures in damages for personal injuries and property damage.
- Following a policy-limit demand from a prominent plaintiff's firm, convinced the plaintiff's attorney to not even name the client in the lawsuit after using an expert declaration that would potentially be used in a motion for summary judgment to prove to the plaintiff's attorney that the client had no liability.

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*
  - Product Liability Litigation — Defendants, 2023-26
  - Transportation Law, 2024-26

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. District Court for the Central, Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of California

EDUCATION

- Southwestern Law School, J.D., 2013
  - CALI Award for Academic Excellence
  - Witkin Award for Academic Excellence
- University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., 2008