

Matthew J. Trostler



Matthew J. Trostler is a Partner in the Los Angeles office of Borton Petrini, LLP. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California earning a major in psychology and a minor in English, with an emphasis in expository writing. He earned his Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law in 1991 where he was a contributing editor for the law school newspaper. He continues to publish articles on a variety of legal-related topics to this day.

Matthew litigates both general and complex civil litigation cases, including personal injury and catastrophic injury defense, product and premises defense, contract and business defense, toxic tort and employment defense. One of his strengths, however, has been the defense of suspicious and unmeritorious insurance claims, including fraudulent first party and third party claims. His wide-ranging experience in the field of insurance has provided additional insight to insurance carriers through seminars defining and discussing insurer regulations in California.

Matthew's clients also come to him for the defense of homeowner's associations and property management companies. In a case of first impression in California, Matthew successfully argued to the Court of Appeals the proper procedure to be employed by an association governing body when amending governing documents.

Matthew has significant experience in arbitrations, mediations and jury trials. Some of his verdicts have been published statewide and nationally. He teaches classes focusing on the structure of the civil litigation system and the jury trial process. His aggressive applicational style is tempered by his sense of fairness and compassion.

Education:

- University of Southern California, B.S., 1988
- California Western School of Law, J.D., 1991

Admitted:

- State Bar of California, 1991
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 1991

Business and Professional Associations:

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce

Publications:

- "Recent Developments In HOA Law" *Real Estate Law Quarterly Report*, Spring 2006
- "Insurance Coverage Disputes" *Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith quarterly newsletter*, Summer 2006
- "Shielding Your Personal Assets from Lawsuits" *Beach Business, Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce Newsletter*, January 2007
- "Current State Of The Law Re: Admissibility Of The Proper Amount Of Medical Billings In A Personal Injury Action" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, Fall 2006
- "New Case Law Excluding Coverage For Contractual Disputes" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, Fall 2006
- Editor, *Insurance Defense Tips newsletter*

Lectures & Seminars:

- "Civil Jury Trials: How They Work ... and Don't Work"
- "Insurance Code Regulations: California Fair Claims Practices"
- "Staged Auto Accidents: Recognizing and Avoiding Them"

Published Cases:

- *Peak Investments v. South Peak Homeowners Assn., Inc.* (2006)
- *Zhou v. Unisource, Inc.* (2008)
- *Ekstrom v. Marquesa, HOA* (2009)

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