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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 in 1988 and 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.

For the past 20-plus years, Matthew has litigated 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 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, he successfully argued to the Court of Appeals the proper procedure to be employed by an association governing body when amending governing documents.

He has significant experience in arbitrations, mediations and jury trials. His verdicts have been published statewide and nationally. He has taught 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
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

Publications:

Editor, *Insurance Defense Tips* newsletter

- "Taxi Cooperative Held Responsible for Taxi Driver's Negligence", *Insurance Defense Tips*, Spring 2017
- "Primary Assumption of the Risk Bars Wrongful Death Action", *Insurance Defense Tips*, Summer 2016
- "Civility Revisited" *Insurance Defense Tips*, Winter 2016
- "Supreme Court Allows Direct Action for Insurer Against Cumis Counsel" *Insurance Defense Tips*, Fall 2015
- "Federal Judge Implores Big Box Stores to Voluntarily Install AEDs in Their Stores" *Insurance Defense Tips*, Winter 2014
- "Discovery Allowed to Attack Inflated Medical Billings" *Insurance Defense Tips*, Spring 2014
- "New Appellate Case Considers Impact and Implications of Howell Decision" *Insurance Defense Tips*, 2013
- "Dog Days of Litigation" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, 2012
- "Insurer Waives Control of Defense" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, 2012
- "California Jurisdiction" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, 2010
- "Defense Attorneys Gain More Authority to Have Federal Cases Dismissed Earlier" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, 2010
- "The Most Oppressive Motion Ever Presented to a Superior Court" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, 2009
- "New Case Law Clarifies Liability for Subsequent Negligence of Medical Providers" *Insurance Defense Tips Quarterly Report*, 2008
- "Shielding Your Personal Assets from Lawsuits" *Beach Business*, Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, 2007
- "Recent Developments in HOA Law" *Real Estate Quarterly Report*, 2006
- "Insurance Coverage Disputes" *Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith Quarterly Report*, 2006

Lectures and 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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