

**Education:**

<b>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, SCHOOL OF LAW</b> Activities: Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs; Moot Court Teaching Assistant: Legal Writing; Clinical Programs: Trial Advocacy; Depositions & Discovery.	1999 <b>JURIS DOCTOR</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR</b> With Highest Distinction (top 3%); James B. Angell Scholar (perfect scholarship two or more semesters); Class Honors (1995, 1996); Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Golden Key National Honor Society.	1996 <b>BACHELORS OF ARTS HONOR'S DEPARTMENT</b>
<b><u>Relevant Legal Experience:</u></b>  <b>SCHLESINGER CONRAD LAW FIRM, Phoenix, Arizona and San Diego, California</b> Complex litigation in Arizona and California state and federal courts, and the court of appeals. Areas of practice include business litigation, adversary claims, professional negligence, trade secrets, defamation, fraud and breach of contract. Primary responsibility for multi-million dollar litigation involving high-profile clients.	2009 – Present <b>ATTORNEY/ PRINCIPAL LITIGATION</b>
<b>KOELLER, NEBEKER CARLSON &amp; HALUCK, LLP, Phoenix, Arizona</b> Class action litigation involving mortgage fraud, TARP funds, and wrongful foreclosures. Lead counsel on breach of contract, construction defect, and fraudulent conveyance and conversion litigation.	2008 – 2009 <b>ASSOCIATE LITIGATION</b>
<b>LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGARD &amp; SMITH LLP, Phoenix, Arizona</b> Day-to-day responsibility for insurance defense matters, including professional negligence medical malpractice, personal injury, contract and insurance disputes. Primary responsibility for institutional bad faith action with claimed damages of \$ 48 million. Sole responsibility for negotiations and clients/claims adjustors interface. Mediation, arbitration and trial experience.	2005 – 2008 <b>SENIOR ASSOCIATE INSURANCE DEFENSE</b>
<b>BARGER &amp; WOLEN, LLP, Irvine, California</b> Responsibilities consisted of case handling for state and federal disability insurance litigation, including fraud, bad faith, breach of contract, punitive damages, unfair business practices, ERISA and RICO. Analyzed coverage issues. Developed discovery plans, propounded and responded to discovery, reviewed medical records and conducted depositions of medical experts, parties and percipient witnesses. Extensive law and motion practice included summary judgment motions. Assisted with trial preparation, negotiated settlements, drafted post-trial submissions including appellate briefs.	2001 – 2004 <b>ASSOCIATE INSURANCE DEFENSE</b>
<b>CASE, KNOWLSON, JORDAN &amp; WRIGHT LLP, Los Angeles, California</b> Represented clients in a wide variety of business issues including commercial transactions and leases, environmental issues, fraud, RICO, commercial unlawful detainer, collection. Research and draft motions, law and motion appearances, depositions.	2000 – 2001 <b>ASSOCIATE BUSINESS and LITIGATION</b>

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**Admissions: Affiliations and Appointments:**

- Admitted: California State Bar (1999); Arizona State Bar (2005); United States District Court for the Central District of California (1999); United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2001); United States District Court for the District of Arizona (2005); Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (2010).
- Affiliations: San Diego Bar Association (2012 – Present); Maricopa County Bar Association (2008 - 2010); Defense Research Institute (2001-2007); American Bar Association (2005-2007); Volunteer Lawyer's Program (2005-2007); Arizona Women Lawyers Association (2005-2006).
- Appointments: State Bar of Arizona, Committee on Minorities & Women in the Law (2009-2010); Arbitrator, Superior Court for the State of Arizona, ADR Program (2010).

**Reported Cases and Articles:**

- Cases: *Sherman v. Paul Revere Life Ins. Co.*, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 29985 (C.D. Cal. 2004); *Provident Life and Accident Ins. Co. v. Van Gemert*, 262 F.Supp.2d 1047 (C.D.Cal., 2003); *Waggener v. UNUM Life Ins. Co. of America*, 238 F.Supp.2d 1179 (S.D.Cal., 2002).
- Articles: "Disability Cases: The Requirement for Regular and Appropriate Care," For the Defense, May 2004, Defense Research Institute; "Mediating the Insurance Bad Faith Claim while Avoiding Claims of Ongoing Bad Faith," Federation of Defense Corporate Counsel, FDCC Presentation, Fall 2005; "Negotiation Strategies and Tools: A Primer," LBBS American Family Seminar, Winter 2005.