

# RETAIL & HOSPITALITY GROUP



 **RESNICK & LOUIS, P.C.**  
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**EXPLORING BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH YOU**

# Retail and Hospitality Defense.

Antitrust	Construction Litigation
Corporate Tax	EEOC & ADA Compliance
Franchising	General Liability
Intellectual Property	Labor & Employment
Premise Liability	Real Estate & Leasehold
Regulatory Compliance	Slip and Fall
Security and Trespass	Dram Shop Litigation
Vendor Relationship	Workers' Compensation

At Resnick & Louis, our hospitality and retail defense team represents leading regional and national companies in the hotel, food service, and retail industries in a wide variety of coverage areas.

We understand the importance of reputation within the hospitality industry, and realize that one bad claim can destroy the entire image of a business. Our attorneys work hard to maintain the standing our clients have within the community and do their best to resolve disputes as promptly as possible, minimizing the costs associated with the claim as well as the risk of bad publicity. When it is not possible to settle claims with negotiation or other forms of alternative dispute resolution, however, our attorneys are prepared to aggressively defend their clients throughout all stages of the litigation process.

We also understand that every business is different, and that your organization may have unique needs or concerns specific to your situation. Therefore, our attorneys work very closely with their clients in order to create a strategy that will take each of these needs into consideration, as well as keep their client's best interests in mind.



# Litigation and Transaction Services.

## LITIGATION

The Retail & Hospitality Group offers a wide array of litigation solutions focused on preventative services designed to minimize the client's risk of involvement in expensive litigation. When litigation cannot be avoided, the Group is able to mobilize a team of litigators with extensive trial experience in both state and federal courts.

## TRANSACTIONS

The Retail & Hospitality Group's Business Transactions, Real Estate, Intellectual Property and Construction lawyers regularly represent clients in the negotiation of commercial agreements ranging from simple leases to complex construction contracts to the complex agreements such as the purchase and sale of multimillion dollar resorts or of national chains.





# Labor and Employment.

The Retail & Hospitality Group's employment and labor lawyers have successfully represented some of the world's most famous hotels and hotel management companies, as well as national and international retailers and restaurants in diverse matters such as the following:

- Acquisition and sale of properties with particular emphasis on the complex issues involved in the transfer of unionized properties.
- All aspects of union representation campaigns and collective bargaining.
- Creation of unique employment cultures for luxury resorts.
- Defense of complex wage/hour class actions.
- Preventative audits designed to insure both legal compliance and the implementation of best practices.
- Presentation of management training programs.
- ADA compliance issues related to both employment and public accommodation areas.
- Advise on all aspects of insurance coverage and defense.
- Privacy & Data Security.

The Retail & Hospitality industry has faced the unique challenge of being the prime target of computer hackers and information breaches over the last several years. Whether our clients require assistance in the creation, implementation, or maintenance of sound practices and compliance procedures, risk assessment and management, responses to data breaches, notification requirements, or litigation including class actions, we are well qualified to lead clients toward positive solutions.



COUNSEL OF CHOICE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS

Bars

Taverns

Hotels

Social Organizations

Liquor License Holders

## Dram Shop Litigation.

Resnick & Louis, P.C. is the counsel of choice for the largest and most sophisticated property owners and managers throughout the country. The firm successfully defends bars, taverns, hotels and other social organizations against claims from third-parties for injury or death arising from the sale of alcohol to intoxicated patrons or to minors. We regularly represent liquor license holders who have dram shop coverage, as well as license holders without dram shop coverage.



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# Development, Acquisition, and Sales.

Resnick & Louis Hospitality Group has thorough experience providing a comprehensive range of legal services involved in the development, acquisition, and sale of retail, restaurant, hotel and golf properties, including:

- Contract review, drafting and negotiation with standard form agreements from AIA, AGC and DBIA, as well as contracts specifically crafted for individual client needs.
- The formation of corporations, partnerships, limited liability entities, and compliance with securities laws.
- Preparation of strategic alliance/joint venture agreements.
- Compliance with SB 800.
- Bid protests.
- Stop notices and mechanics liens.
- ADA compliance and disputes.
- Architectural copyright claims.
- Acquisition, leases and lease-backs, including tax planning.
- Due diligence with respect to all aspects of the transaction, including labor and employment matters.
- Labor negotiations with incumbent unions as well as with respect to union organizing efforts.
- Risk Management.



# Our Retail & Hospitality Attorneys

Our law office is staffed with hardworking and efficient individuals who care about every case and are able to manage a wide variety of tasks for our clients. It is this value-added approach that sets us apart from other law firms in the locations we serve.

## ARIZONA

Axt, Brian C.  
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# Office Locations

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OFFICE LOCATIONS

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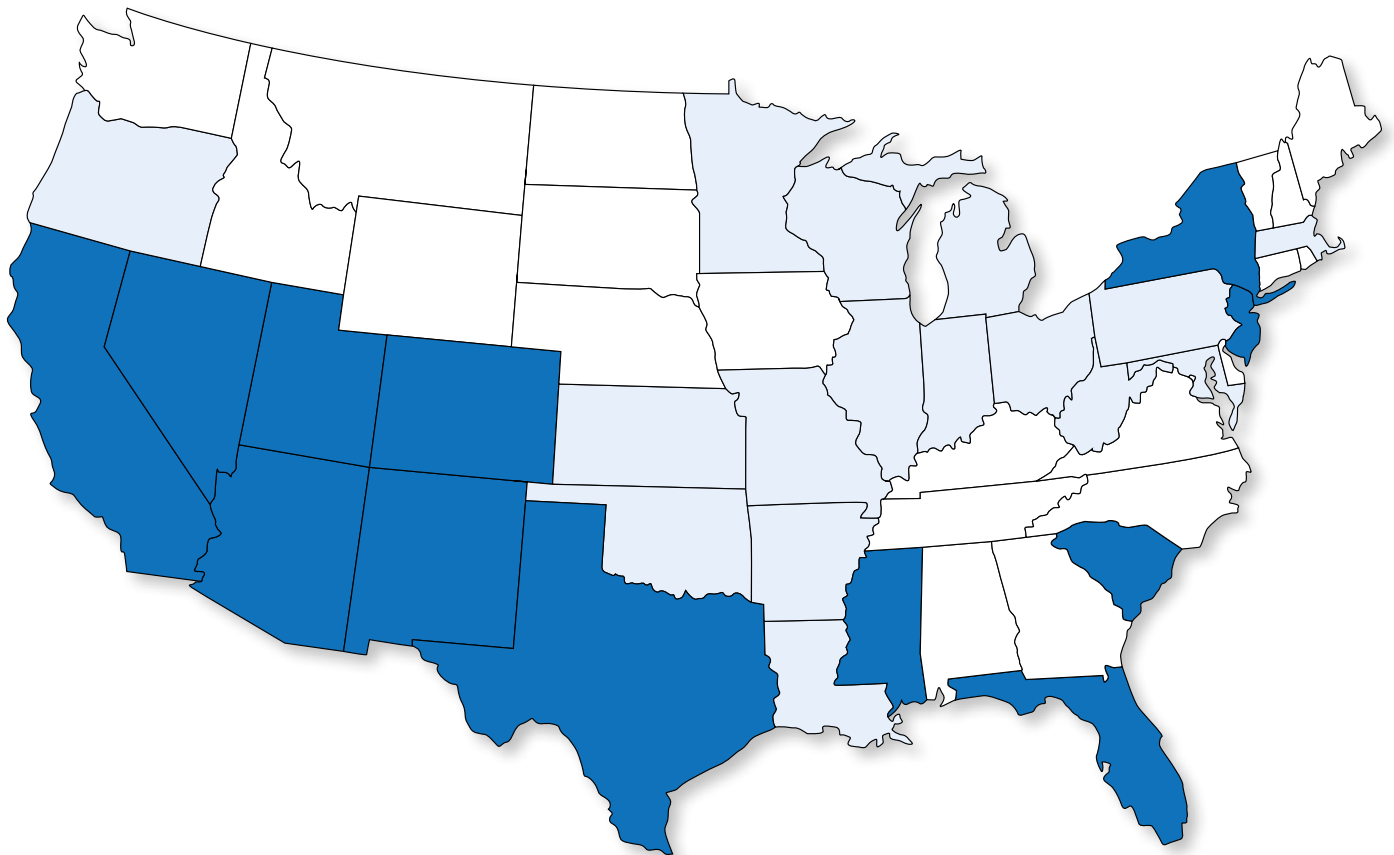
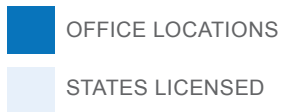
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# National and international footprint.



Resnick & Louis P.C. has offices within major U.S. metropolitan areas of Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah and internationally in the United Kingdom. Additionally, many of our attorneys have licenses in other states.

We provide statewide representation throughout our jurisdictions and maintain an outstanding network of consultants, expert witnesses, and other professionals who are available to assist in our clients' cases. Our ability to collaborate with the professionals within this network further adds to the quality of representation we provide our clients.

**ACKER, PAUL A.**

Paul A. Acker is a Partner in the Las Vegas office. Mr. Acker concentrates his practice in all aspects of civil litigation including insurance defense, bad faith, construction defect, personal injury, general liability, and trucking and transportation. He has extensive trial, arbitration, and mediation experience in both State and Federal Courts.

Mr. Acker earned his Bachelor of Science in Management from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and his law degree from Hastings College of the Law, University of California. He is a WICHE Scholar, a member of the Nevada Inns of Court, and clerked with the Organized Crime Strike Force in law school. He is currently admitted to practice in the State of Nevada, the United States District Court, District of Nevada, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

**AXT, BRIAN C.**

Brian C. Axt is a Shareholder in the Phoenix office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and focuses his practice on product liability, professional liability, public entity, construction defect, transportation defense, premise liability, bodily injury defense, hospitality & retail defense, automobile liability, complex transactional claims, risk transfer, general liability, employment law, SIU, and general civil litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, he practiced in the State of New York where he handled complex construction accident, personal injury, products liability cases, and defense of warranty claims. Brian has obtained the dismissal of several cases on pre-trial motions in both State and Federal Court and has also achieved excellent results while representing his clients at arbitration, mediation and trial. Brian was named a Southwest Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2017, 2018 and 2019, was named one of America's Top 100 Personal Injury Attorneys in 2019 and one of America's Top 100 Civil Defense Litigators in 2020 and 2021. Further, Brian has served as counsel and provided representation related to environmental matters, including environmental due diligence, asset analysis, and risk evaluation. His experience additionally extends to general liability and commercial litigation matters.

While in law school, Brian was on the Dean's List for three semesters, was a member of the school's National Trial Team, and was also an Associate Editor of the Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology. Upon graduation, Brian was inducted into Albany Law School's Justinian Society for students who graduate with honors.

Brian is licensed to practice law in the states of Arizona and New York as well as U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York and Southern District of New York.

**BOLLE, LISA M.**

Lisa is an experienced attorney with extensive knowledge in civil litigation. She focuses her practice primarily on insurance defense as well as personal injury litigation. Lisa is well versed in all aspects of her caseloads from intake to completion, including site inspections, depositions and filing/arguing motions. She also has extensive

experience in legal research, motion practice and case management, all of which are integral aspects of overall case preparation.

While in law school, Lisa worked as an intern for the United States Attorney's Office (District of New Mexico) and as a law practice student for the University Of New Mexico School Of Law. Lisa is licensed to practice law in California and New Mexico.

**DAVISSON, KRISTI N.**

Ms. Davisson practices in the areas of complex business litigation, trucking and transportation litigation, collections, creditors' rights, nursing home and medical malpractice defense, premises liability defense, and qui tam defense. She is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell and a member of the Defense Research Institute. Ms. Davisson is a Litigation Counsel of America Fellow. LCA is an invitation only honorary society of trial lawyers. Less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers qualify to become an LCA Fellow. Kristi is licensed to practice law in Florida.

**DOTSON, EMILY K.**

Emily primarily focuses her practice on insurance defense, personal injury litigation, transportation litigation, construction defect, general civil litigation and first party property defense. While in law school, she was an active member of the Appropriations Committee and the Student Bar Association. She was also a legal researcher and a writing teacher's assistant.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Emily clerked for LoCascio Law Group, specializing in workers' compensation and business law. Emily completed her internship with the Superior Court of Arizona, where she participated in the Superior Court Legal Research and Writing Program and assisted Maricopa Superior Court judges in analyzing complicated issues of law in Motions for Summary Judgment pending before the Court. Emily is licensed to practice law in Arizona, New Mexico and Florida.

**GOGGIN, SHARI**

Ms. Goggin is a Partner at Resnick & Louis, and has an extensive history as a trial attorney. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Ms. Goggin was a partner with Cozzi & Goggin in Houston, TX. Prior to that, Ms. Goggin was with the Law Firm of Keisler & Berman in Chicago. Ms. Goggin was also a supervisor and trial attorney at Nationwide Insurance. She was associate and litigation defense counsel for Landau, Omahana & Kopka, managing its Belleville, IL office and supervising more than 30 attorneys. She has been a plaintiff's personal injury attorney and an assistant public defender. So far in her career, she has in excess of 95 jury and bench trials.

Ms. Goggin is a well-respected litigator in public and private practice. She excels at strategic litigation to aggressively press matters to resolution, whether through courtroom litigation or negotiations. Ms. Goggin has

successfully defended multimillion-dollar, high-level exposure commercial and personal liability claims from inception through jury trials and appeals. She argued in the Illinois Supreme Court at the age of 25. She also counsels commercial clients in their ongoing operations using her litigation experience not only to prevent litigation but to place those clients in a position of strength should a lawsuit arise.

Ms. Goggin has represented clients including McDonald's, USIC, Black Horse Carriers, Eby-Brown, Darden Restaurants, Edy's Ice Cream, Hershey's and Liberty Mutual Insurance from the investigation stage through jury verdict, and appeal up to and including the Illinois Supreme Court and U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

**GOODMAN, JUSTIN D.**

Mr. Goodman received his Juris Doctor from the University School of Law with honors including Dean's list, clinical honors in business and taxation, and the CALI excellence for the future award. In addition to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C. Mr. Goodman is a visiting professor of law at the University Of New Mexico School Of Law. He had the pleasure to clerk for the Honorable Stan Whitaker and was an associate attorney with O'Brien and Padilla, P.C and Stiff, Keith and Garcia, LLC. He regularly serves as a motivational speaker and grader for the New Mexico Bar Exam. In 2017 he was named as Young Defense Lawyer of the Year by the New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association.

Mr. Goodman maintains a diverse civil litigation practice including insurance defense, fraud investigation, personal injury, construction defect, employment, and domestic relations. He is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of New Mexico.

**GUELKER, GARY R.**

Gary is an accomplished attorney with sixteen years of civil litigation experience, including discovery, motion practice, mediation, trials, and appeals. He has a proven ability to independently handle large caseloads in an effective and efficient manner.

Gary has substantial experience in all aspects of civil litigation from case intake through final disposition of trial and appeal. He has significant experience in a wide array of legal areas, including employment law, civil rights, personal injury, contract disputes and health care law. Gary is licensed to practice law in Nevada and Utah.

**HUMBLE, SCOTT B.**

Scott focuses his practice on defense of claims in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death, products liability, professional liability, dram shop, premises liability, transportation, and construction defects. Scott has represented clients in bench and jury trials, and before the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining Resnick and Louis, P.C., Scott was a named partner in a preeminent civil litigation law firm.



Throughout his 20 years of practice, Scott has focused on defense of complex civil litigation matters.

While in law school, Scott earned the Moot Court Competition Outstanding Brief Award, and was selected to serve as a Note and Comment Editor on the Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law. While in school, Scott clerked for the Pima County Prosecutor's Office.

**KINDRED, KEVIN**

Kevin has over 20 years of experience as an insurance defense attorney. During that time he has tried more than 75 cases to verdict in State and Federal Courts throughout Texas, including obtaining numerous defense verdicts in wrongful death claims and cases involving catastrophic injuries. Kevin's areas of practice include commercial vehicle accidents, premises defect cases, product liability claims, construction injuries, medical negligence lawsuits, and general liability claims of all natures.

Kevin's philosophy in defending cases is to thoroughly investigate matters, and provide the client with an early evaluation of liability and potential damages. He then works with the client to develop a litigation plan which will move the case to resolution by settlement or trial. Communication between attorney and client are critical in reaching the best possible outcome. As such, Kevin places a strong emphasis on keeping his clients apprised of significant developments throughout litigation.

**KNOBLOW, CAROL**

Carol is a results-driven attorney with over 25 years of litigation experience. She has defended numerous high exposure lawsuits, including wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases that involved burn, brain, orthopaedic, and spinal cord injuries. She has defended a multitude of product liability lawsuits, with a particular concentration in medical products, recreational and gaming devices, vehicle parts, and farm related products.

Carol has extensive insurance coverage experience, including the handling of declaratory relief, subrogation, and indemnification actions. She has authored numerous coverage opinions in such contexts as failure to tender and voluntary payments. She has assisted in the determination of coverage for unique claims such as the failure to tender and prejudice to carrier in the Los Angeles priest-pedophile lawsuits.

An experienced trial attorney, Carol has also defended her clients in hundreds of mediations and binding arbitrations. Carol's past experience as a volunteer mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Courts has provided her with unique insight into the dispute resolution process. She has successfully resolved numerous lawsuits for clients who had low policy limits in the context of high risk cases.

A strong supporter of healthcare advocacy, Carol has served as a State Project Leader and member of the Elite President's Council for the National Patient Advocate Foundation and is a Red Cross Disaster Relief Volunteer.

She is licensed to practice before all of the Courts in the State of California, the U.S. District Court, the Central and Eastern District of California, and the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth District. Carol received her undergraduate degree from Allegheny College, where she was an Alden Scholar, and obtained her doctor of jurisprudence at Pepperdine University School of Law. Carol is licensed to practice in California.

Education: Allegheny College, Alden Scholar • Pepperdine University School of Law Bar

Admissions: California State Bar • U.S. District Court • Central and Eastern District of California • United States Court of Appeals, Ninth District

Community Involvement: State Project Leader and member of the Elite President's Council for the National Patient Advocate Foundation • Red Cross Disaster Relief Volunteer

### **KURPANЕК, ANDREW**

Andrew Kurpanek is an Associate in our Denver office and focuses his practice on all manner of insurance related cases including first and third party liability claims, coverage issues, and bad faith defense. Andrew has experience in a variety of cases including serious bodily injury, property damage, construction defect, real property disputes, business litigation, and has first chair trial experience in contract, real estate, and construction defect cases.

Andrew utilizes his experience and unique insight to ensure that he is an effective litigator and counselor at law. Andrew is dedicated to prompt and effective communication, timely evaluation and analysis of cases, and successful resolution of all claims asserted. If a resolution is not available, Andrew will do the necessary groundwork to ensure that his client will prevail if and when a case goes to trial.

Prior to joining us, Andrew served as counsel on cases ranging in value from \$5,000 through \$4,000,000+ with a focus on real estate and insurance based litigation. Andrew has litigated complicated real estate and civil litigation issues including motor vehicle accidents, construction defect actions, coverage disputes, contribution actions, premise liability act claims, mechanics liens for contractors and material suppliers, mechanics lien trust fund statute violation claims, adverse actions in bankruptcy involving issues of fraud and theft, and collections actions on contracts, notes, and personal guarantees.

Andrew received his J.D. from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, and his B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Colorado and is licensed to practice in Colorado State and District Courts. He is a member of the Colorado Bar Association and the Denver Bar Association.

### **LUTZ, GEOFFREY**

Geoffrey Lutz is an attorney who practices in the areas of construction defect litigation, premises liability, first

party litigation, subrogation, and other complex litigation. Mr. Lutz has handled massive multiparty litigation cases concerning complex litigation matters from construction defect to mass tort product liability. He has represented individuals and companies of various sizes.

Mr. Lutz swam and attended the Bolles School locally in Jacksonville. He then attended Yale University where he was a varsity swimmer. Finally, he attended The Levin School of Law at University of Florida, from where he graduated Cum Laude.

Mr. Lutz was admitted to the Bar in 2006, and is admitted to practice law in all Florida state courts, the U.S. District Court of Florida for the Middle District and the Northern District.

Education: Yale University • Levin School of Law, University of Florida, Cum Laude

Licenses & Admissions: Florida State Bar

Areas of Practice: Complex Civil Litigation • Construction Defect • Premises Liability • Subrogation

### **MANCEAUX, CLAYTON**

A native of Louisiana, Clayton received his Bachelor of Arts from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in History and his Juris Doctor from the University of Denver College of Law.

While in law school, Clayton represented clients as a student attorney in the Student Law Office and the Earthlaw legal clinics. His litigation focus continued following his Colorado admission and he has twenty years of experience defending clients claims in Colorado court and arbitration forums.

Clayton started his career as part of team litigating complex cases in Colorado State Courts and United States District Court for defendants in Entran II litigation of insurance fraud cases. As lead counsel he obtained defense jury verdicts in personal injury actions in Denver and Boulder County District Courts and property damage claims in dozens of bench trials across Colorado.

### **MCDONALD, PATRICK J.**

Patrick's areas of concentration include construction litigation, insurance defense, business formation and litigation, real estate disputes and wills and estates. As a former in-house counsel to one of the world's largest construction management companies and founder of SC Construction Law, Patrick is well-versed in all facets of the construction industry.

Patrick has appeared in state and federal courts as well as numerous mediations and arbitrations. He has actively

represented owners, developers, design professionals, transportation companies, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, sureties, manufacturers, homeowner associations and many other general business clients in various matters. Patrick prides himself on closely interacting with his clients to help achieve a successful outcome.

**MIZELL, BRIAN S.**

Brian S. Mizell is a Partner in the Riverside/Ontario office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and specializes in suspect and large losses for major insurance carriers throughout the country. Mr. Mizell was previously the managing partner of the Inland Empire office of a prominent insurance defense firm for 17 years.

He has been nominated three times for Attorney of the Year by The Southern California Chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units(IASIU). He won the award and was named Attorney of the Year by the Association in 2015. Mr. Mizell is one of the foremost authorities on Examinations Under Oath, having taken more than 3,500 Examinations and drafted more than 2,000 coverage opinions.

He received his BA in Speech Communications from San Jose State University in 1985 and his JD from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1988. He is admitted to the Southern and Central District of California and is a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Claims Litigation Management, and the Inland Empire Risk Management Association. He has also served as a Board member of the Southern California Fraud Investigators Association.

**MOLLOY, CAROLINE**

During the last 19 years, Caroline Ann Molloy has come to be known and respected as one of the top litigation attorneys in Southern California. Ms. Molloy is known for her powerful and aggressive interdisciplinary litigation practice, combining expert trial and courtroom advocacy skills with bold and decisive litigation strategies. Ms. Molloy has first chaired several trials, handling cases ranging from automobile accidents, slip and falls, environmental law, real estate disputes, to complex trade secret litigation.

In 2007-2008 and 2010-2013, Ms. Molloy was named a "Rising Star" as one of the top 2.5% of Southern California lawyers as rated by her peers. She was also named a Super Lawyer for 2014 and 2015. This is an award given by her peers as one of the top 2% of attorneys in Southern California.

**MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER L.**

Chris is an accomplished civil litigator, focusing on the areas of real property issues, construction matters and general government tort defense. Chris has litigated hundreds of cases in State, Federal and Magistrate courts, and has also argued before the South Carolina Appellate and Supreme Courts.



While in law school, Chris was a Law Student Intern for the United States District Court and also a member of the College Budget Management Committee and the College Student Senate. Chris is a Certified Mediator and Certified Arbitrator in South Carolina, as well as an approved member for the C.J.A. Panel and the South Carolina Council for Conflict Resolution.

Chris is licensed to practice law in South Carolina.

**ROHFELD, MICHAEL D.**

Mike is an experienced civil defense attorney with over 30 years of litigation experience. Of that time, Mike has spent over 25 years working as in-house counsel for two nationally known insurance companies. His experience includes both personal and commercial lines cases encompassing personal injury, transportation litigation, professional liability and construction defect matters.

Mike has worked with and maintains relationships with many of the major case mediators and retired judges in the state and has an excellent record of efficiently resolving his cases and obtaining beneficial results for his clients. Mike practices law in California.

**ROMANO, CAROL**

Carol Romano is an accomplished trial attorney, who has practiced in many areas of civil litigation, including medical malpractice, products liability, general insurance defense, employment law and toxic torts. She has litigated and tried cases with multi-million dollar exposure for insurance carriers, corporate entities and individuals.

Carol is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell, representing the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards. Carol is Board Certified Specialist in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation. She is an adjunct professor at Arizona Summit Law School and a frequent speaker at seminars and conferences. Carol is licensed to practice law in Arizona.

**ROOSE, MELISSA J.**

Melissa J. Roose is a Partner in the Las Vegas office of Louis & Resnick, PC. She has represented clients throughout Nevada, California and Arizona from the pre-litigation claim stage through resolution via settlement or trial. Melissa's practice focuses on high liability exposure catastrophic loss cases involving significant bodily injury and wrongful death claims in accidents often involving tractor-trailers and/or motorcycles. Her business matters have included defending various corporate entities in claims involving property and groundwater contamination, diminution in value, and corresponding medical and health ailments as well as allegations of exposure to toxic chemicals in occupational hazard contexts.

Melissa's defense of property, business and landowners include individuals, employers and their employees,

casinos and franchisors with a national presence and often involve matters with numerous negligence-based claims inadequate or lack of proper security and safety measures, among other things. Melissa also litigates professional liability matters including representing real estate brokers and agents (obtaining a defense verdict as second chair trial counsel) and appraisers.

Melissa is licensed to practice law in the state of Nevada.

**SANTANGELO, CAROLINA S.**

Carolina represents national clients in the South Florida region in the area of products liability, specifically, defense of asbestos-related personal injury and wrongful death claims against manufacturers of asbestos-containing products in state and federal courts.

She has been responsible for managing a large caseload and participating in all aspects of litigation, including, but not limited to, pleadings, fact and expert discovery, motions, hearings, depositions, mediations and trial preparation. Carolina is licensed to practice law in Florida.

**SENER, MARK S.**

Mark has represented domestic and international corporate and individual clients in complex litigation, including construction defects, commercial disputes, mergers and acquisitions, corporate transactions, employment issues, commercial real estate, insurance issues, funding/financing, telecommunications and zoning issues.

His areas of practice range from damages resulting from construction defects, personal injury (asbestos, wrongful death, class actions), contractual negotiation and bidding of construction projects, arbitration and litigation of employment and construction disputes, including wrongful hiring/discharge, EIFS, mold and mildew/water intrusion matters, and litigating corporate, commercial and telecommunication disputes, including, the zoning and permitting process.

He has extensive first chair trial experience and has handled many cases reported in published opinions ranging from statutory employer/employee issues, to Sieracki seaman cases and disputes arising out of the public bid law.

Areas of Practice: Construction and Commercial Litigation • Transactional/M&A • Employment • Travel/Hospitality • Insurance Defense/Coverage • D&O • Mass Torts/Class Actions • Telecommunications, Zoning and Permitting • Product Liability

Born in New Orleans, October 5, 1962; admitted to bar, 1992, Louisiana; 2006 Texas; 2010 Arkansas

Education: Auburn University, B.S. in Economics, magna cum laude, 1985 • Tulane University School of Law, J.D., 1992 • Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Epsilon Delta, Beta Gamma Sigma

Member: Dallas Bar Association • Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas State Bar Associations • American Bar Association

Languages: English and Spanish (conversant)

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Mark is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the Louisiana Supreme Court, all courts of Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, and the United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas.

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#### **SQUIRE, ROBERT J.**

Rob Squire focuses his practice on complex tort litigation including premises liability, products liability, and negligent security matters. He represents retail, restaurant, and hospitality clients, as well as manufacturers, in a variety of diverse matters. Rob represents clients nationwide and has significant experience handling matters in federal and state courts, both at the trial and appellate level. His area of expertise is in insurance litigation, products liability and mass torts as well as the restaurant sector.

Rob has represented national hotel, retail and restaurant chains such as Macy's, JCPenney's, CEC Entertainment, Saks 5th Ave, and Uber against numerous claims including premises liability, negligent security and liquor liability matters. He has represented an international products manufacturer in a matter involving a total loss fire claim and

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Kurt received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law where he was the runner-up in the moot court negotiation competition. He also was a member of the moot court appellate advocacy team, competed in the ABA-sponsored regional appellate advocacy competition, and took second place in the New York Bar-sponsored regional appellate advocacy competition, earning a slot at the New York Bar-sponsored national appellate advocacy competition.

During his career, Kurt has gained experience through more than 50 solo/first chair District Court jury trials that were brought to verdict in Colorado. He is also a recurring attendee of the NITA deposition skills seminar, as well as, NITA trial seminar. In 2012, Kurt presented "Managing Juror Expectations of Opposing Experts" at the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association Conference.

Kurt has represented Colorado and Utah clients in all phases of personal injury, insurance, skier liability, trucking and transportation claims, construction defect, and premises liability litigation. He has additionally managed two high volume law offices in distinctly different jurisdictions. He has been responsible for reviewing claims department, staff counsel, and special investigations unit processes for compliance with state statutes, rules, ordinances, and common law.

In his free time, Kurt enjoys gardening, studying history, home improvement, and international travel.

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Randall focuses his practice primarily on large-loss cases and has successfully obtained verdicts in several cases regarding matters such as wrongful death, traffic accidents and bad faith. He has also worked as the head of risk management departments and therefore has invaluable insight into this side of insurance defense.

Additionally, Randall has used his knowledge and experience to mentor junior attorneys and ensure quality work product and representation throughout the firm. Randall is licensed to practice law in Nevada and Kansas.



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Michael has earned scores of defense wins by motion and has a career filled with litigation experience including over 100 trials. He has also argued before the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and has briefed matters before the United States Supreme Court.

Michael has been often recognized for his achievements, including recently the Mississippi Business Journal "Leader in Law" honor and is licensed to practice in California and Mississippi.