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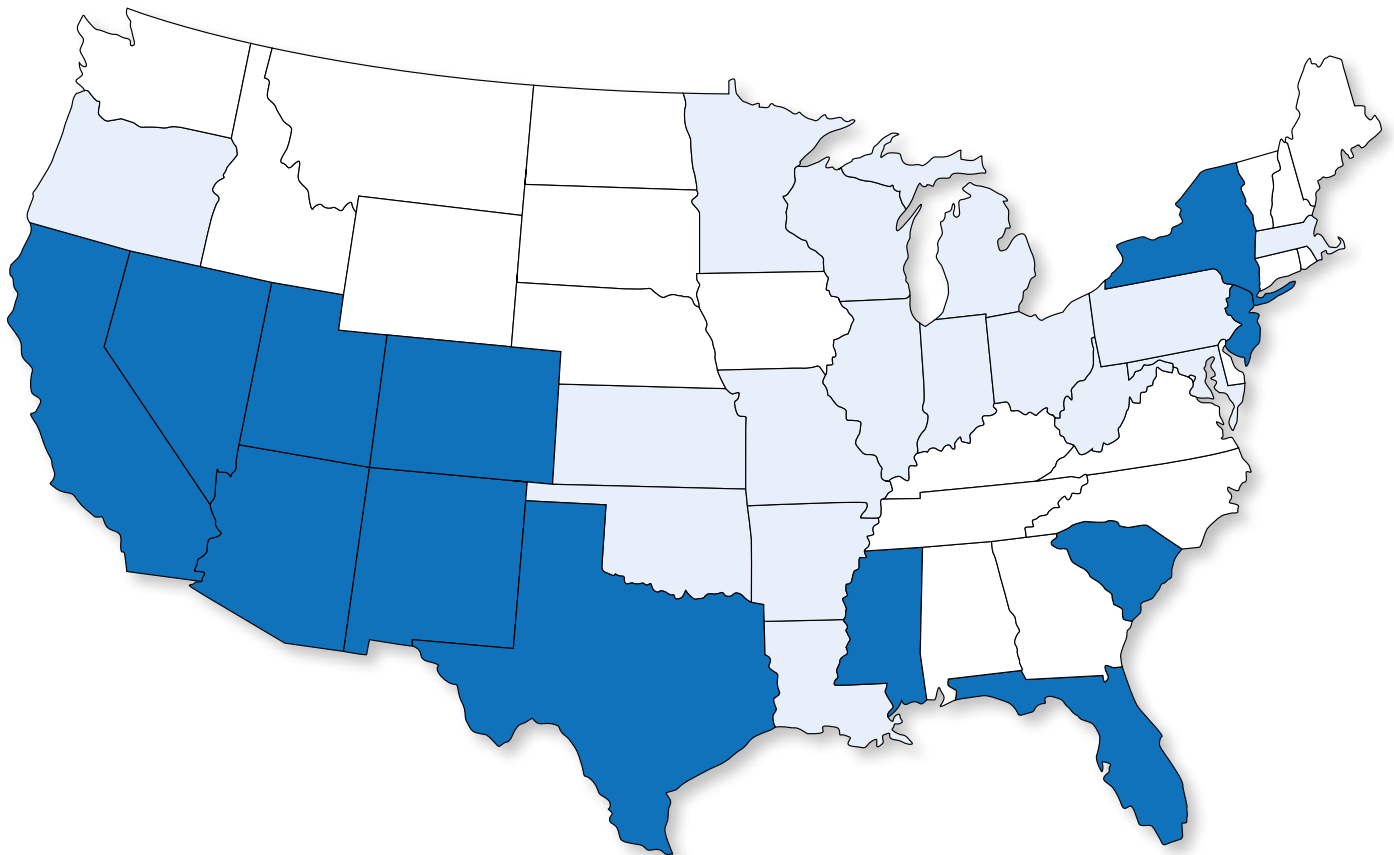
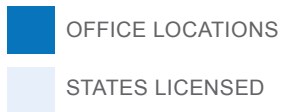
## We Offer A Partner Committed To Your Goals

Resnick & Louis, P.C. retains an unparalleled team of professionals with diverse backgrounds from across the United States and abroad. Our experienced attorneys are licensed in multiple jurisdictions and are well versed in all aspects of negotiation, arbitration, mediation, trial and resolution of litigated and non-litigated matters. We consistently approach each case differently, finding and focusing on the strategies that will achieve the most beneficial results for each client. We continuously involve our clients in our process to ensure their needs are met throughout their entire experience, and take pride in being highly responsive to our clients' requests. It is our goal to maintain direct and open communication in order to ensure their satisfaction. 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.



A GLOBAL NETWORK OF OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALS

# 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.

# Office Locations

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**FOCUS ON COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL LEGALITIES**

# Areas of Practice and Expertise

## FIRM PROFILE AND HISTORY

PROVIDING THE RESOURCES OF A LARGE FIRM, WHILE MAINTAINING THE PERSONALIZED SERVICE AND COST EFFECTIVENESS OF A SMALL FIRM.

## ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

HIGHLY-RESPECTED, SKILLED ATTORNEYS WHO EMPLOY STRATEGIC AND CREATIVE THINKING WHILE MAINTAINING STRONG CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1st & 3rd Party Property   | General Liability            |
| Bad Faith                  | Hospitality & Retail Defense |
| Bodily Injury Defense      | Insurance Coverage           |
| Business & Corporate Law   | Insurance Defense            |
| Cannabis Litigation        | Maritime Defense             |
| Commercial Litigation      | Probate & Trust              |
| Condemnation               | Product Liability            |
| Construction               | Professional Liability       |
| Employment Law             | SIU / EUO                    |
| Energy                     | Surety                       |
| Entertainment & Sports Law | Title Insurance              |
| Environmental Law          | Transportation & Trucking    |
| Estate Planning            | Workers' Compensation        |
| Fine Art & Species         |                              |



**DYNAMIC VISUAL AIDS TO KEEP THE AUDIENCE ENGAGED**

# Trial Technology

- 21st century digital lens
- Focus on specific language
- Highlight key text
- Incorporate photographs
- Utilize video and presentations
- Apply the most up-to-date technology

## **STATE OF THE ART TRIAL TECHNOLOGY TO MAXIMIZE JURY PERSUASIVENESS**

Post-trial surveys confirm that jurors and judges are appreciative of counsel's efforts to speed things along and use dynamic visual aids to keep the audience engaged.

Computer software assists counsel providing the jury with a better understanding of the evidence through a 21st century digital lens. It also provides our attorneys the opportunity to emphasize certain aspects of the case by zooming into specific language and highlighting key text, as well as incorporating photographs and video. Our professionals utilize the most up-to-date technology in all aspects of our practice and business.

We work with many different clients and companies who have specific technological requirements for billing, cost recovery, and reporting. Resnick & Louis P.C. works hand-in-hand with our clients to meet these needs. Our clients also appreciate that our firm has gone green with the implementation of a paperless system.



QC DEPARTMENT MEETS WITH ALL LAWYERS MONTHLY

Reporting

Billing

Strategy

Exit strategy

Responsiveness

Shelf life of file

## Why We Are Unique

### INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Our own internal quality control department meets with all lawyers on a monthly basis to ensure our clients' need are being met and exceeded.

- Panel counsel for over 50 United States and United Kingdom insurance companies and syndicates.
- Long-standing relationships with dozens of 3rd party claims administrators in the United States.
- Over 70% senior-level attorneys on staff with 20+ years experience.
- Coast-to-coast footprint.
- Panel counsel for several self-insured entities.



**DIVERSITY IN TODAY'S INCREASINGLY GLOBAL ECONOMY**

Our diverse workforce provides the ability to tap into the many talents which employees from different backgrounds, perspectives, and abilities bring to the workplace.

# Diversity

## **A DIVERSE TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR SUCCESS**

We recognize that a diverse team of employees is essential to our ability to provide our clients with the best possible legal services. We focus on hiring and developing employees who reflect the multiplicity of cultures, genders, ethnic backgrounds, and viewpoints represented in an increasingly global economy.

We also work hard to create an environment where everyone feels included, respected and able to contribute fully. The result is broader perspectives, better ideas and more creative solutions for our clients, as well as a supportive working environment for our people.

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# Our Attorneys

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**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 and general liability. 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.

**ALLARD, ANGELA C.**

Ms. Allard is a Partner in the Sacramento office. Ms. Allard attended law school after graduating from the University of Tulsa where she was a four year varsity athlete. Prior to joining the firm Ms. Allard work for a firm specializing in Construction Litigation, where she gained not only construction litigation experience but personal injury and estate planning experience. After that Ms. Allard worked for a firm specializing in insurance defense where she gained experience representing not only insured and counties but plaintiffs as well.

When she is not practicing law, Ms. Allard enjoys spending time with her husband and new baby. She also participates in triathlons, hiking, skiing and trail running.

Angela is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

**ALLEN, JONATHAN C.**

Jonathan C. Allen is a Partner in the Dallas office of Resnick & Louis, PC, where his primary practice area is in insurance defense, with 25 years of experience handling personal injury, premises liability, medical malpractice, wrongful death/catastrophic injury, liquor liability, first-party homeowner's litigation, UM/UIM matters, and commercial litigation. He has tried over two dozen jury trials (with an equal number of bench trials) and has handled numerous successful appeals, including an appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Jonathan was the Managing Attorney in Texas for a large property and casualty auto insurance carrier.

Jonathan was born and raised in Longview, Texas. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1994 from Stephen F. Austin State University, graduating as the Top Graduate in the College of Liberal Arts. He was also President of the Pre-Law Club. He then received his Juris Doctor degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1997, graduating near the top of his class. While in law school, he was a member of the Board of Barristers and National Moot Court Team, with recognition as the Top Oralist/Advocate. He is also a member of the

Texas Chapter of the Order of the Coif.

Jonathan is licensed to practice law in Texas.

**ALLEN, KIMBERLY**

Kimberly Allen is an Associate in the Sacramento office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Her practice areas include personal injury, catastrophic injury, product liability, and premises liability. She also has transactional and litigation experience in employment law matters. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Kimberly's practice primarily consisted of mass tort litigation, including actions involving asbestos exposure, wildfires, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices. Kimberly is originally from Virginia. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and her juris doctorate from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. While in law school, Kimberly worked as an intern in the White-Collar Fraud Division of the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

In her spare time, Kimberly enjoys traveling, hiking, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Kimberly is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

**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.

### **BALLARD, DENNIS**

Dennis Ballard is an Associate in the Orlando office and has been practicing in Florida since 2006. Dennis has been assigned to handle a variety of insurance defense cases including 1st and third-party property, BI, premises liability, bad faith, PIP, subrogation and other matters. Dennis also has an extensive background in real estate, commercial and corporate matters, contract law landlord/tenant issues, banking law and many other complex business transactions.

Prior to practicing law Dennis was a top-level executive at several large banking and financial institutions and investment banks. In his spare time, he is an avid outdoors enthusiast, fitness buff and especially enjoys time on the water, especially the ocean.

### **BARRINGTON, JAMES M.**

James M. Barrington is a Partner at Resnick & Louis' Las Vegas office. Mr. Barrington is an experienced and determined litigator who has spent his career finding winning positions in seemingly defenseless cases. Mr. Barrington practices primarily in complex, high exposure defense of corporations, businesses, and other entities. His practice includes general liability defense, first-part insurance defense, defense of insurance brokers and agents, premises liability, subrogation, and catastrophic injury.

Mr. Barrington also has significant appellate experience and has handled several matters before the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals with great results. Mr. Barrington has also had considerable success at the trial court level via dispositive motion practice, trial, arbitration, and mediations. He is also well-respected for his oral advocacy and deposition technique and tactics.

Mr. Barrington obtained his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and his bachelor's degree in political science from Westminster College where he was a four-year member of the NCAA Division III Westminster soccer and tennis teams. He was also an active member of Phi Delta Theta.

In his free time, Mr. Barrington enjoys devoting time to his wife and watching his two teenage sons also excel in competitive soccer.

James is licensed to practice law in Nevada.

### **BEATY, LINDSEY**

Lindsey Beaty is an Associate Attorney in the Houston office of Resnick & Louis P.C. Lindsey is a "roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-the-job-done" lawyer. Born and raised in Houston, Lindsey attended the University of Houston, where she pursued two majors: psychology and political science. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in

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2006. Throughout her undergraduate studies, Lindsey dedicated her time and effort to working with underprivileged inner-city youth through Harris County Child Protective Services.

Immediately following graduation, Lindsey continued to immerse herself in work on behalf of at-risk children. From 2006 to 2013, Lindsey advocated tirelessly for young people as a Probation Officer for Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. Lindsey's compassion, empathy, and relatability distinguished her from her peers; she eventually earned a promotion to the Intensive Supervision Unit. Driven to do even more, Lindsey returned to school in 2014 in pursuit of a law degree from South Texas College of Law Houston.

During law school, Lindsey worked full time to put herself through school, while raising two teenage daughters. She also participated in the moot court program in her "spare" time. The law school education was supplemented by her real-life exposure in the work force where she worked on mass tort, property, and personal injury cases. In her final year of law school, Lindsey was hired by a well-known Houston law firm (Arnold & Itkin) to work on a mass tort docket helping young men who were deformed by a major pharmaceutical manufacturer. Lindsey brought with her years of case management and specialized client resolution skills. After being admitted to the Texas Bar in February 2018, Lindsey was invited to join Arnold & Itkin as an attorney, where she continued doing mass tort work.

At Sorrels Law, Lindsey has rededicated herself to representing individuals on cases where justice is required. She has been named a Top 40 Under 40 Honoree by the National Black Lawyers organization. She has also been named as a Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars in 2022. Lindsey is committed to ensuring that people are treated fairly. No matter their personal background, education, or socioeconomic status, Lindsey is dedicated to providing the respect and results that every client deserves.

When not advocating for her clients and community, Lindsey enjoys creating music in her home studio and escaping to the beach with her family.

Lindsey is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

#### **BECKSTEAD, MATTHEW B.**

Matthew B. Beckstead is an associate attorney in our Las Vegas office. Mr. Beckstead's practice focuses primarily on representing companies in matters involving premises liability and products liability. Mr. Beckstead earned his J.D. from the William S. Boyd School of Law, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he was the 1L Section Representative to the Student Bar Association. During law school, Mr. Beckstead traveled to India to spend five weeks working with Indian law students to investigate and analyze human rights issues and labor violations.

Following law school, Mr. Beckstead was a judicial law clerk for one year in Eighth Judicial District Court in and for Clark County, Nevada, working on a docket that involved complex litigation, including business litigation and Chapter 116 HOA foreclosure matters.

Mr. Beckstead enjoys playing chess, reading, traveling, and spending time with friends and family during his spare time.

Mr. Beckstead is admitted to practice before all Nevada state courts and the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

### **BERNDT, KEVIN**

Kevin Berndt is an Associate in the Denver office of Resnick & Louis P.C. and focuses his practice on insurance defense. Kevin's experience, prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C., focused heavily on construction, business, real estate, and general civil litigation, as well as transactional law.

During his spare time, Kevin enjoys skiing, traveling, live music, and spending time with friends and family. Kevin received his Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law in 2018. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy in 2011.

Kevin is licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado.

### **BISTROW, RICK**

Rick has focused his practice on civil and construction litigation for over 40 years. In the early 1980's, he formed a partnership known as Horne, Bistrow and Kaplan, P.C., which was one of the leading boutique construction law firms in Arizona.

Throughout his long and varied career, Rick has handled numerous complex construction matters for owners, architects, contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers. As a young lawyer, he successfully prosecuted a construction case involving a hotel in downtown Phoenix that resulted in judgment against the contractor for \$1.6 million. He also successfully defended the State against road builders who sought multi-million dollars in damages arising from allegedly negligent construction designs or differing site conditions. He has handled many matters involving mechanics liens, construction defects, delay claims, contract interpretations, Miller Act and Little Miller Act suits, licensing, surety, and bad faith matters.

Rick has also acted as first chair in several jury trials and was lead counsel in numerous arbitrations and court trials. In 2005, the Arizona Department of Education asked Rick to serve as lead counsel in Flores v. Arizona, after Arizona was fined \$2 million a day or \$720 million a year by failing to comply with the Equal Education Opportunity Act of 1974. This high-stake case resulted in three trials, two trips to the Ninth Circuit, and one trip to the United States Supreme Court, where the Department's position was vindicated in a 5-4 decision. The Flores case was important not only because of the financial consequences, but also because of the guidelines promulgated by the Supreme Court as to how public bodies can remedy violations of federal law.

Finally, in 2011, Rick was asked to serve Arizona as Chief Deputy of the Office of the Attorney General. He spent four years in that capacity. Five separate division chiefs reported to him: 1) criminal; 2) civil; 3) public advocacy and civil rights; 4) child and family; and 5) solicitor general. Among many other things, one of Rick's duties was to approve all civil settlements reached between the State and opposing parties.

Rick is licensed to practice law in Arizona.

### **BOBIER, KILA LYNN**

Kila Lynn Bobier is a Partner in the Dallas office of Resnick & Louis, P.C., Kila Lynn has extensive litigation experience in insurance defense, bodily injury defense, premises liability, subrogation, and bad faith claims. As an experienced litigator, Kila Lynn regularly represents insurance companies in complex legal matters where she serves as lead trial counsel, engaging with expert witnesses, handling depositions, case analysis, and leading litigation focus groups.

Kila Lynn is a former Judicial Law Clerk, serving in the First Judicial District in Shreveport, Louisiana. Kila Lynn started her legal career in public interest law with roles as both an Assistant District Attorney as well as an Assistant Public Defender. These roles allowed Kila Lynn to gain copious trial experience all while fighting for social justice, juvenile rehabilitation, and indigent clients' access to legal representation. Kila Lynn also served as an arbitrator for the Caddo Parish school district, presiding over cases dealing with the termination of tenured school district employees. Kila Lynn then established herself as an experienced civil litigator in the realm of insurance law. Kila Lynn also served as in-house counsel for one of the largest, minority owned insurance companies in the nation.

Kila Lynn graduated summa cum laude, as Valedictorian, from Grambling State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. She received her Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center. Kila Lynn gives back to her alma mater by speaking to students about pathways to becoming a lawyer and attending recruiting events. She has also been an invited CLE presenter on various DE&I, mental health, and insurance law issues at various conferences and legal organizations throughout the country.

As an advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion and equal access to justice, Kila Lynn serves on various committees and boards. She is a past Diversity Committee Chair of the Dallas Trial Lawyers Association. She also served as an Executive Board Member for the National Bar Association's (NBA) Women Lawyers Division (WLD). She was elected and sworn in as a Member at Large of the NBA's WLD at the annual convention in Toronto, Canada in the summer of 2017. Kila Lynn received the prestigious WLD Chair's Award for her work for the NBA's 2019 Mid Year's conference held in Dallas, TX in March of that year. Moreover, Kila Lynn served as the WLD Retreat Chair for the 2019 Annual Convention in New York City. Kila Lynn is also a member of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers and was selected for the 2018-2019 Leadership Class. She currently serves as a DAYL Fellow. She also served on the Executive Board of the J.L. Turner Legal Association; she served two terms as Recording Secretary. She is a former member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's House of Delegates

Committee and Legislative Committee. Kila Lynn is a current member of the NBA's Insurance Law section and the Dallas Bar Association's Tort and Insurance Practice section.

Kila Lynn also gives back to her community through her volunteerism through active membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she has served as the Scholarship Chair. She has also been an active member of the Junior League for over a decade, giving back to her community through countless hours of volunteer work each year. She served in leadership positions with the Junior League by serving as the Project Chair for Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and the Diversity and Inclusion Assistant Chair. Additionally, since the 2017-2018 school year, Kila Lynn has been the attorney advisor for Wilmer Hutchins high school's Mock Trial Team. Kila Lynn's greatest accomplishment is that of being a mother and she enjoys spending time with family when not upholding the rule of law in the courtroom.

Kila Lynn is licensed to practice law in the states of Texas and Louisiana.

#### **BOEZEMAN-FARIAS, LAURA**

Laura has nearly 15 years of experience practicing primarily in the areas of construction defect, transportation defense, bodily injury and general liability law. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Laura worked at a prominent insurance defense firm where she focused on the same areas of practice.

She also has impressive experience working with real estate and water rights transaction law. In law school, Laura was a judicial extern for the Honorable Judge Kent Dawson with the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada.

Laura is licensed to practice law in Nevada.

#### **BOLDI, JENNIFER A.**

Jennifer focuses her practice on insurance defense, professional liability, construction defect litigation, transportation litigation, bodily injury defense, automobile liability, estate planning, and general civil litigation representing clients in Arizona and California.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Jennifer was a civil litigation associate at a preeminent mid-size Southwest law firm and was General Counsel to a 300-employee staffing corporation. Before graduating law school, Jennifer clerked for law firms specializing in construction defect litigation and estate planning.

While in law school, Jennifer was the Literary Citation Editor of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary and founded Pepperdine's first animal law society. She holds a Certificate in Dispute Resolution, focusing on the resolution of civil cases through mediation and arbitration, from Pepperdine's top ranked Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. Prior to her legal career, Jennifer worked in television production,



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Jennifer is licensed to practice law in Arizona and California.

**BOLIN, MARK A.**

Mark Bolin is an Associate in Resnick & Louis' Burbank office. His practice focuses primarily on general liability matters, including personal injury and automobile liability.

Mr. Bolin has defended a variety of corporate entities and individuals in lawsuits including commercial transportation, product liability, negligence, and unfair competition claims. He has obtained favorable settlements and voluntary dismissals in numerous motor vehicle accident cases with disputed liability.

Mr. Bolin earned his J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, where he served as the Executive Editor for the Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review. After law school Mr. Bolin clerked for Magistrate Judges Allison Claire and Gregory G. Hollows in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

He is admitted to practice in all California state courts and the Central District of California. Mr. Bolin is also a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and serves as co-vice chair of the Los Angeles Lawyers' Chapter of the American Constitution Society. Outside of work, Mr. Bolin enjoys trying new restaurants with friends, practicing yoga, and reading graphic novels.

**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.

**BOLYARD, ALICIA**

Alicia focuses her practice in the area of general civil litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Alicia focused her practice on insurance defense, healthcare litigation, commercial litigation, and professional liability. Alicia began her legal career by serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Christopher D. Chiles where she researched and prepared

the Court's orders in a variety of areas including complex civil litigation, medical malpractice, products liability, tort actions, and employment law.

While attending law at Capital University Law school, Alicia received the the CALI Award for Excellence in Evidence, Pro Bono Honors Recognition Award, and the Students Giving Back to Students Scholarship just one of the ways she chose to give back to her community. Alicia was born and raised in West Virginia where she practiced law until she moved to South Carolina last year to enjoy all that the Lowcountry has to offer. Alicia spends her free time with her husband and daughter soaking up the sunshine on the beach.

### **BONKOWSKI, STEPHEN**

Stephen Bonkowski is an Associate reporting to the Ontario office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has wide-ranging experience in employment law, insurance defense, and business law. Stephen has significant experience in handling the investigation and litigation of employment law matters such as wage and hour violation claims, PAGA claims, non-compete agreements, and workplace harassment claims.

Stephen's prior experience includes real estate law, transactional law, and wealth and estate planning. He has also served as an in-house counsel for a small business, as well as worked in small and mid-size firms focusing on water law, environmental law, and sports law.

Stephen enjoys rooting for all Bay Area sports teams, watching USC Football, traveling, golfing, and exercising. He is a member of the California Lawyers Association and is the Litigation Section Chair for the Contra Costa County Bar Association.

Stephen received his Juris Doctor from Golden Gate University in 2015. He graduated from the University of Southern California with a B.A. in Psychology and Spanish in 2012. Stephen is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **BOTROS, KATHERINE T.**

Katherine focuses her practice on construction defect litigation, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, automobile liability and general civil litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, she spent 10 years practicing in the area of construction defect claims, defense against catastrophic injury and brain damage claims, and bodily injury for both plaintiffs and defendants. Katherine has arbitration experience and has successfully resolved several civil lawsuits, obtaining dismissal or settlements below the potential exposure level in numerous complex lawsuits on behalf of her clients.

Katherine is licensed to practice law in California.

**BRENNER, ERIKA**

Erika Brenner is an experienced trial attorney. Her litigation experience includes the areas of personal injury, construction defect, and employment actions. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, she was an associate at an insurance defense firm in Orange County representing multiple insurance companies with great success. She also previously worked for the City of Anaheim as a prosecutor of misdemeanor criminal offenses including domestic violence and driving under the influence.

Erika received her Bachelor of Science degree in political science in 2000 from Occidental College, Juris Doctor degree from Chapman University School of Law in 2009, and Masters degree in Trial Advocacy from Chapman University School of Law in 2011. While in law school, she attended a summer session in London, which was presented by Georgetown University School of Law, where she studied international human rights.

Erika's personal interests include traveling, snowboarding, and watching Los Angeles Kings hockey.

**BROWN, ELIZABETH**

Elizabeth Brown is an Associate in the New Jersey office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Elizabeth focuses her practice on insurance defense, insurance coverage, and civil litigation.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Elizabeth handled matters in commercial litigation, insurance defense, and insurance coverage.

Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Science degree in Cell and Developmental Biology from the University of Rochester. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University Law School.

In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys traveling, photography, and running.

Elizabeth is licensed to practice law in New Jersey and New York.

**BRUMBAUGH, RICHARD J.**

Rich's practice primarily consists of multi-party complex litigation in areas of construction law, construction defect, wrongful death, bodily injury, products liability and first party property. Rich also represents corporate clients, including construction professionals and other businesses in business transactions such as insurance procurement, real estate transactions and business formation.

Rich is a hands-on lawyer and prides himself in giving personal attention to each of his clients to obtain the best results possible. Rich has shown tremendous leadership, aggressiveness, and creativity in his practice areas. Rich

also focuses his practice on estate planning matters including retirement planning for qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, wealth preservation and wealth transfer strategies, asset protection planning, planning for non-traditional families and estate taxation.

Rich is highly experienced in the creation and administration of a wide variety of trusts including revocable living trusts, irrevocable life insurance trusts, special needs trusts, family limited partnerships, family limited liability companies, asset protection trusts and charitable remainder trusts.

Rich is licensed to practice law in Arizona.

### **BRYAN, JOSHUA M.**

Joshua M. Bryan is a Partner in the Sacramento office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. His practice consists primarily of representing insurers and insureds in first and third-party claims, including defense of high exposure and catastrophic claims in the areas of premises liability, auto accidents, product liability, public entity claims and subrogation.

Throughout his career, Josh has successfully resolved hundreds of pre-litigation and litigated matters. He has handled all phases of litigation including pre-litigation advice, discovery, all forms of ADR, dispositive motions, trials, and appeals.

Josh's prior experience includes general liability and insurance defense litigation, insurance coverage, financial services litigation, employment litigation, and business litigation.

In his spare time, Josh enjoys collecting watches, producing electronic music, and NBA basketball.

Joshua is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **BURKE, NICHOLAS**

Nick joined Resnick & Louis in 2018 and has been a member of the California State Bar since 2008. Nick's practice is focused primarily on personal injury, construction defect, and premises liability. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Nick worked for several defense firms in the San Francisco/Bay Area where he worked on civil litigation matters in state and federal courts. He has represented and counseled individuals, small businesses, corporations and insurers in all aspects of litigation, including successful mediations, arbitrations and trial.

Nick received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in 2001 and his J.D. from the University of Oregon in 2007. Nick lived and worked in Japan for several years.

**BURNETT, DAVID B.**

David B. Burnett has tried twelve cases to juries and has had four judge trials over the span of his career. His practice areas include personal injury, catastrophic injuries, products liability, homeowners' claims, medical malpractice, and premises liability. While most of his career has been as an insurance defense attorney, Mr. Burnett has handled a number of plaintiff cases, giving him an understanding of plaintiffs' counsels' mentality and tactics.

Mr. Burnett began his career at Southern Pacific, handling a wide variety of state and federal claims including workers' injury cases, crossing accident cases and asbestos exposure cases. During this period of time he argued a case before the state Appellate Court, and wrote briefs for cases in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In addition, Mr. Burnett founded and ran his own small business for a number of years, providing insight into the challenges of business, including dealing with liability and corporate legal issues.

Mr. Burnett enjoyed coaching his daughter's high school water polo team for three years, helping the players develop their skills and building teamwork.

**BUSH, ROBERT (BOB)**

Robert Bush is an Associate in the Dallas office of Resnick & Louis P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in insurance defense, bodily injury defense and premises liability defense. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis P.C., Robert practiced insurance defense for over 25 years for the firm of Adkerson, Hauder and Bezney P.C. located in Dallas, Texas.

Robert attended college at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota where he received his B.A. in business. Robert attended law school at Creighton University located in Omaha, Nebraska where he received his Juris Doctor.

Robert enjoys reading and is active in various sporting events, including golf.

Robert is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas.

**CALL, GARY W.**

Gary is a Partner and has nearly 25 years of experience, focusing his practice on automobile accidents, slip & fall, first party actions, professional liability, transportation litigation, medical malpractice, wrongful death and other personal injury-related accidents.

Gary's experience as a registered nurse gives him unique insight related to patient needs and experiences in

various accidents, which he uses to his clients benefit in building their case. He has represented and defended major casino properties with regards to premises liability claims and general business claims. Gary has been involved in representing design professionals and contractors in construction defect cases and worked with general liability carriers to represent policyholders in civil litigation.

Gary is licensed to practice law in Nevada.

### **CAMACHO, GIOVANNI**

Giovanni Camacho is an Associate Attorney in the Denver office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has represented clients in all phases of personal injury, insurance bad faith, skier liability, SIU/EUO, employment law, construction defect, and premises liability litigation.

During his career, Giovanni has achieved significant victories for his clients, including resolving multiple significant personal injury and consumer protection cases through motions practice. In 2021, Giovanni secured a defense verdict in a disputed liability case where the plaintiffs were seeking millions.

Giovanni received his Juris Doctor from the Oklahoma City University School of Law where he was treasurer for the Federalist Society and made the Dean's List.

In his free time, Giovanni enjoys spending time with his wife and children, hiking, biking, snowboarding, and playing music.

Giovanni is licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado, as well as U.S. District Court-District of Colorado.

### **CAMERON, LAURIE**

Laurie Cameron is an Associate Attorney in the Miami Office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. She comes to Resnick & Louis, P.C. with over 30 years' experience. Prior to joining, Laurie maintained her own successful law practice for twenty years. The primary focus of her practice was family and criminal law as well as general civil litigation. After closing her practice in 2021, she freelanced for several years gaining experience in first and third party insurance defense law. Before Laurie opened her own firm, she obtained extensive civil litigation experience working for several public interest law firms in Florida.

Laurie received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from New College of Florida, Florida's public honors college. She subsequently attended Stetson University College of Law and graduated with her Juris Doctorate degree.

Laurie is originally from Toronto, Canada. As a youth, she competitively showed Quarter Horses on the American

Quarter Horse Show Circuit and won a world championship at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. Laurie spends her free time volunteering for several nonprofit greyhound adoption groups and the Florida Bar. She also writes articles related to the growing domestic violence crisis in the U.S. Laurie has resided in South Florida for the majority of her life.

Laurie is licensed to practice in the State of Florida, admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the U.S. District Court of Florida, Middle District. She obtained certifications as a Florida Circuit Civil Mediator and a Florida Family Law Mediator.

### **CAMPBELL, JOHN S. (JACK)**

Mr. Campbell's practice is concentrated in the fields of taxation and estate planning, real estate, business and commercial law, including commercial litigation. His clients have included business owners, real estate developers, investors, commercial landlords and tenants, lending institutions, commercial borrowers and individuals.

Mr. Campbell regularly handles commercial real estate purchase and sale transactions, retail, office and commercial leasing for landlords and tenants, subdivision and land use matters, including the preparation of easements, covenants conditions and restrictions and real estate loan documentation.

He advises clients on matters involving corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies as well as the federal and state income tax implications of a variety of commercial and business transactions. He also advises individuals in estate planning matters, including the preparation of wills and trusts.

### **CANTU, ROBERTO**

Roberto Cantu is a Partner in the Rio Grande Valley office of Resnick & Loius, P.C. He has an extensive history as a trial attorney all over south Texas. He has experience in automobile liability, bodily injury defense, premises liability, trucking and transportation, construction defect, first party coverage, and SIU/EUO's. In his career he has tried over 35 cases to a verdict. He has excelled at strategic litigation to aggressively press cases to resolution in mediation or trial.

Roberto received his Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of Texas-Pan American in 1992. He obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Thurgood Marshall School of Law and was licensed to practice law in the State of Texas in 2003. During law school, Roberto competed in Mock Trial competitions and was Vice-President of the Hispanic Law Student's Association. Prior to going to law school, Roberto was employed as an insurance claims representative. After law school, he was employed as in house counsel for an insurance company.

Roberto is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas, United States Federal Court, Southern Texas Division, and United States District Court, Southern District of Texas.

**CHENIER, MAURICE L.**

Maurice received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Psychology, and a minor in Government from the University of San Francisco, in 1989. He received his Juris Doctorate (JD) from the University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1992. During law school, he was the Comment and Note of the Environmental and International Law Journal. After graduation, Mr. Chenier served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert P. Aguilar, United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of California. Upon completion of his clerkship, Mr. Chenier was admitted to practice law in California in 1993.

His areas of practice include municipal litigation, employment litigation, catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death matters, light and heavy rail litigation, municipal entity defense, real estate litigation, and product liability litigation.

**CHING, KENNETH**

Kenneth (“Kenny”) Ching is an experienced trial attorney, practicing out of Reno, Nevada. Mr. Ching’s practice focuses on litigating and trying liability, business, and employment cases. Mr. Ching is licensed to practice law in Nevada and is a member of the Nevada and Washoe County Bar Associations. He is also admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for Nevada. He has successfully represented insurance companies, hotel-casinos, transportation entities, businesses, and partnerships, as well as individuals since 2006. He has been named to Nevada’s Legal Elite five times. Mr. Ching uses his knowledge of litigation in Nevada to efficiently achieve his clients’ objectives.

Mr. Ching also provides general counsel on employment law issues such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII, the Family Medical Leave Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, worker’s compensation, drug testing, safety issues, wage and hour law, harassment and discrimination investigations, terminations, and employee manuals and policies.

Mr. Ching is a nationally recognized legal scholar and has published many articles on the topic of contracts. Mr. Ching was born in Reno in 1978. He attended Elmcrest Elementary School, Billinghurst Middle School, and Reno High School. He received his B.A. in Journalism from University of Nevada, Reno in 2001 and his J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 2006. Outside of work, He spends time with his wife and three children. He is a writer and guitar player, and he is also a member of a local church.

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

**CHOOPANI-NEZHAD, ERIC M.**

Eric M. Choopani-Nezhad is an Associate based out of the firm’s Ft. Lauderdale office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of construction law and general civil litigation.



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Mr. Choopani-Nezhad earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law. He received his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Florida.

Mr. Choopani-Nezhad is licensed to practice law in Florida.

**CINA, ALYSSA A.**

Alyssa has experience in all aspects of cases regarding personal injury and civil litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Alyssa managed some 10 staff personnel and supervised a caseload of 250 car accident and premise liability files from intake to negotiations.

She has worked in the Fourth District Court of Appeals performing a variety of civil and criminal appeals and is licensed to practice law in Florida at the state and federal level.

**CLARK, ROLAND R.**

Roland R. Clark received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Valparaiso University. He attended law school at Valparaiso University where he received his Juris Doctorate. After law school, Roland worked in international business, the medical industry, and the gaming industry. He joined Knight, Hoppe, Kurnik & Knight, LLC., as an Associate Attorney in March, 2002 and had been with that firm until 2019. He is licensed to practice in the Northern and Southern Districts Federal Indiana Courts, as well as the State of Indiana.

Roland recently moved to Florida where he was admitted to the Florida bar. The majority of his case load involved premises liability, products liability, and auto negligence cases. He also has a background in handling contract review for major casino's, workers compensation, steel mill explosions, fire liability, and negligent security. He has practiced at the state, federal, appellate, administrative and supreme court level.

**COLMEY, MARIE**

Marie's practice is focused on the defense of professional liability claims (attorneys, accountants, real estate brokers, healthcare providers and other licensed professionals), defending cases involving catastrophic injuries in general liability tort matters, and commercial and corporate litigation in both state and federal courts. Marie handles all aspects of litigation, from inception through trial, including arbitrations, mediations, and drafting and arguing motions for summary judgment and other law and motion matters.

Marie is also a published author and a presenter on professional liability and ethics matter for insurance carrier clients and businesses.

In her spare time, Marie enjoys spending time in her home state of Montana, playing golf, tennis and beach volleyball, watercolor and trying new recipes in the kitchen. Marie is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **CONSTANTINO, SMAILI**

Smaili Constantino is an Associate in the Tampa office of Resnick & Louis P.C. where he focuses his practice on complex civil litigation. Smaili has experience in general civil litigation, construction defect litigation, subrogation, first party property and coverage, and bad faith defense. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Smaili worked as an Associate at a large national civil litigation firm in Tampa, Florida, where he handled first party insurance litigation and construction defect litigation concerning massive multiparty construction defect matters.

Smaili is a graduate of Stetson University College of Law where he served as an editor of the Stetson Journal of Advocacy and Law. Prior to attending Stetson, Smaili earned his Bachelor of Laws and practiced as an attorney in Brazil, handling complex commercial litigation matters and serving as counsel to a Brazilian Congresswoman. In addition to international litigation experience, Smaili has worked as a licensed construction contractor, which provides an edge in the plan interpretation, liability, damage, and risk transfer issues presented in complex construction matters.

Smaili is licensed to practice law in Brazil and the state of Florida.

### **CULLMAN, LORI M.**

Lori Morton Cullman is a Partner in the Sacramento office of Resnick & Louis, PC and has extensive experience in insurance defense litigation including, bodily injury, products liability, and premises liability. In addition to insurance defense litigation Lori also has extensive experience litigating matters involving employment law, Insurance coverage, construction defect litigation representing the developer and commercial catastrophic loss cases. She has had hundreds of first chair bench and jury trials and was a defense attorney in the first case to go to trial when trials resumed in Orange County after being stopped statewide, due to the COVID Pandemic. Lori has also participated in countless mediations and UIM and UM Binding Arbitrations.

While working for a major defense firm, Lori was asked to present seminars to the local insurance company's claims department on topics including defending a product liability action, proper claims handling involving product defect losses, good faith settlement offers, handling liens and subrogation v. contribution actions. She was also asked to assist in claims management with their Legal Services Program. Lori taught part-time at a local law school. The class was an evening class that met one evening a week and was entitled Lawyering Skills.

Lori formed an in-house law firm for a small but growing insurance company. In addition to doing the hiring and supervising of the attorneys and staff for the in-house law firm Lori was also responsible for trying the complex litigation cases, management of the eventual two offices that were formed (one in Artesia and one in San Diego) but also reporting quarterly to the board of directors for the insurance company on the financials of the firm and status of litigated matters. In addition, Lori was responsible for attending quarterly meetings with the underwriting department for the purpose of discussing risk management issues.

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Lori has also collaborated with an in-house counsel program of a major insurance company. She oversaw a full caseload of complex litigation matters. She also assisted in the day-to-day management of the office and provided regular educational seminars for the claims department.

Lori received her undergraduate degree from California State University Long Beach and earned her J.D. at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. While in law school she clerked for several superior court judges at the Long Beach Superior Court drafting decisions in law and motion matters and bench trials.

Memberships include the State Bar of California, American Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Orange County Bar Association, and the Southern California Defense Counsel. Lori is licensed to practice law in the State of California, the United States District Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

### **CURRAN, CHARLES**

Charles Curran is a Partner working on matters in Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado, whose more than 15-year practice has focused on defensive civil litigation in state and federal court. Charles has represented a diverse group of clients that range from individuals to Fortune 500 companies and has broad experience defending clients who have been sued for all manner of claims, including tortious conduct, breach of contract, fraud, various real- property-related claims, and violations of local, state, and federal laws. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Charles also handled substantial transactional, regulatory, bankruptcy, and litigation matters for financial institutions and real estate investors.

### **DAVISSON, KRISTI N.**

Ms. Davisson practices in the areas of complex business 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.

### **DE LOA, DEVIN**

Mr. De Loa is originally from Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. De Loa received his B.A. in Political Science from Texas Tech University and received his J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law (Magna Cum Laude). Mr. De Loa was admitted to the California State Bar in 2019.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Mr. De Loa was a plaintiffs personal injury attorney. Mr. De Loa also has prior, vast experience handling disability-related matters, including E.R.I.S.A and Social Security claims. Mr. De Loa's current

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practice areas include General Negligence, Construction Defect, Real Estate, Premises Liability, Wrongful Death, Insurance Bad Faith, and Underinsured Motorist (UIM) disputes.

Mr. De Loa currently resides in San Diego, California, and is a faithful member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. In his spare time, Mr. De Loa is an avid runner, and enjoys hanging out with his Dalmatian (Wesley) and Labrador (Gringo).

#### **DELCARMEN, JENNIFER A.**

Jennifer DelCarmen is a Partner at the Resnick & Louis Las Vegas office. She has lived in Las Vegas since 1986. She graduated from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, in 2007, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. In 2012, she graduated from Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas, Nevada. While in law school, Ms. DelCarmen received the CALI award for excellence in Family Law, Torts, and Privacy, Publicity, & Defamation. Ms. DelCarmen was also a senior staffer the Nevada Law Journal and served as a Family Law Instruction for which she won the Community Service Outstanding Student Award. While in law school, Ms. DelCarmen spent a semester as an extern for the Honorable Judge Jerry Wiese.

Ms. DelCarmen's practice includes general and automobile liability defense, first party insurance defense, premises liability, and subrogation. Ms. DelCarmen has litigated, with excellent results, since beginning her career in 2012. Ms. DelCarmen also has appellate experience in representing clients before the Nevada Supreme Court. Ms. DelCarmen is licensed in all courts in the State of Nevada.

#### **DOTSON, EMILY K.**

Emily K. Dotson is a Shareholder in the Phoenix office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Her practice is primarily focused on multi-party complex civil litigation in the areas of insurance law, professional liability, first party property and liability insurance coverage, bad faith defense, automobile liability, surety, bodily injury defense, construction law, construction defect, SIU insurance fraud defense, and general civil litigation. Additionally, Emily has experience in Federal Certified Class Actions, owner/operator payment disputes and FMCSR violations.

Emily handles most aspects of law related to transportation and trucking, including representing companies in personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as assisting trucking companies, motor vehicle companies, motor vehicle dealerships and farm implement dealerships in a variety of areas including corporate, commercial, and tort matters.

She also advises insurance companies related to a variety of insurance coverage matters as well as first-party property defense, and SIU cases. Additionally, Emily also represents corporate clients in business transactions such as insurance procurement and corporate law.

Emily is licensed to practice law in the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Florida.

### **EARLY, MIKE**

Mike Early is a Partner in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, PC and has extensive litigation experience handling the investigation and litigation of complex employment law matters involving wrongful termination, employment discrimination, sexual harassment, whistleblower matters, and retaliation in both State and Federal Court.

Mr. Early has represented both private and public sector clients regarding the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Title VII, The Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 1983 claims, and California Labor Code violation matters. Mr. Early has performed confidential investigations for the California Department of Justice. Mr. Early also has several years of experience practicing medical malpractice defense of podiatrists throughout California earlier in his career.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Early was most recently practicing as a Deputy Attorney General V for the California Department of Justice in the San Diego office for 15 years.

### **EMERSON, BRENDA A.**

Brenda A. Emerson is an Associate Attorney in the Miami office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C., Brenda worked for the largest defense firm in the State of Florida, defending workers' compensation cases where she gained experience litigating matters in front of the Division of Administrative Hearings. Brenda also gained experience working as in-house counsel for a large insurance company defending personal injury protection cases.

Brenda received her Bachelor of Criminal Justice from St. Thomas University on a full-ride scholarship for Softball and Cross Country. She then attended St. Thomas University School of Law where she graduated Cum Laude.

Brenda is licensed to practice law in the State of Florida and is admitted as a member in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida.

### **EVLESHIN, SEQUOIA**

Sequoia Evleshin is an Associate at the Riverside/Ontario office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in general, first, and third-party liability, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, subrogation, first party property, and auto liability. Sequoia's experience includes real property litigation and complex case litigation.

Sequoia also has significant experience handling bodily injury, property and real property litigation.

Prior to attending law school, Sequoia went to UC Santa Cruz and majored in philosophy and legal studies.

Sequoia enjoys doing CrossFit and high intensity training. He placed number 4 in the world in an event in 2022 CrossFit Quarter Finals. He enjoys spending time with his wife and three children on their mountain property doing outdoor activities.

Sequoia is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

#### **FAIRCLOTH, MICHAEL**

Michael is a litigation attorney with 15 years' experience representing a diverse group of clients including physicians, hospitals, developers, contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, homeowner's associations and businesses ranging from sole proprietors to Fortune 500 companies.

Michael has extensive experience with drafting construction contracts for subcontractors and general contractors. He has managed complex civil litigation files including national class action litigation and medical malpractice defense from case inception through trial.

Michael is licensed to practice law in California.

#### **FEASEL, CHRISTOPHER J.**

Christopher J. Feasel is a Partner in the Phoenix office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Chris has over 20 years of litigation experience representing clients in both California and Arizona. Chris began his legal career as a prosecutor in the San Mateo County (CA) District Attorney's office, where he spent nearly 10 years adjudicating a wide variety of cases, from DUI to Identity Theft and Attempted Murder. After leaving the District Attorney's office, he opened his own law practice specializing in Criminal Defense, before joining State Farm Insurance as Claims Litigation Counsel. During this time, Chris also acted as a Judge Pro Tempore in Contra Costa County (CA), presiding over traffic and small claims cases. After moving to Arizona, he worked for insurance defense firms and the Arizona Attorney General's Office before joining Resnick and Louis.

Chris has a wide array of civil litigation experience, including, but certainly not limited to, Insurance Coverage, Insurance Defense, Public Entity Defense, Transportation Defense, SIU, Premises Liability, Professional Liability, Dram Shop, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Automobile Liability, Bodily Injury Defense, Wrongful Death Defense, General Liability, First Party Property and Coverage, Bad Faith, and State and Federal Constitutional Claim Defense. His years of experience allow him to quickly and accurately assess a case and create an optimal litigation plan, as evidenced in his over 70 first-chair jury trials and numerous defense verdicts.

#### **FELSHER, ROSS S.**

Ross S. Felsher is a Partner at the Tampa office of Resnick & Louis, P.C., where he focuses his practice on civil litigation. Ross has experience in first- and third-party insurance litigation; general, premises, and products liability

litigation; transportation and commercial trucking litigation; real property, and creditors' rights litigation.

Originally from Kyiv, Ukraine, Ross moved to the Tampa Bay area in 1994. Ross graduated from Eckerd College with a degree in Economics. He then attended Stetson University College of Law, where he obtained his J.D., and Stetson University, where he obtained his MBA. Ross enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, learning new languages, as well as photography, and working at his micro-farm with his wife.

Ross is licensed to practice law in the state of Florida, District Court for the Middle District of Florida, District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and District Court for the Northern District of Florida.

### **FIORIELLO, MICHELLE LYNN**

Michelle Lynn Fiorello is an Attorney at the firm's Miami office.

Michelle completed her undergraduate degree at Florida International University, where she graduated in May 2016 with her Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Psychology. Michelle went on to graduate cum laude from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law in May 2019 with her Juris Doctor Degree, where she repeatedly achieved the honor of being placed on the Dean's List and received the Pro Bono Honor Program Bronze Award.

While in law school, Michelle interned for the Honorable Merrilee Ehrlich at the 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Broward County, Florida, while simultaneously clerking at a Marital, Family, and Personal Injury law firm. Additionally, during her last semester of law school, Michelle acted as a Certified Legal Intern for the Children and Families Law Clinic at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law where she represented the indigent.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Michelle worked as an Associate Attorney for a Broward-based marital, family, personal injury law firm.

### **FISCHER, JACK**

Jack Fischer is a Partner in the San Diego office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where he brings with him nearly 30 years' of experience. His practice has been focused on insurance coverage and bad faith litigation including litigating disputes between insurers for declaratory relief, contribution, and indemnification as well as defending insurers in bad faith actions. He also has experience with real estate, personal injury, and elder abuse litigation. On the non-litigated side, Jack's practice includes policy analysis, drafting reservation of rights letters, and drafting coverage opinions analyzing complex issues involving construction defect claims, products liability claims, environmental claims, professional liability claims, business torts, trucking claims, bodily injury claims, and priority of coverages under multiple lines of insurance and other risk-allocation agreements. His experience also includes analyzing cumis counsel issues and auditing defense counsel files to determine the extent of an insurer's

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reimbursement rights. He has also participated in training California insurance adjusters on various aspects of Fair Claims Settlement Regulations.

Jack also brings with him significant contracts and risk management experience having previously been employed as a Contracts Manager with a leading consulting firm where he led all phases of contractual support on multiple contracts valued at more than \$150 million. He developed strong working relationships with cross-functional subject-matter experts in developing contract scope and was an active member of a Risk Review Board tasked with responsibility for identifying and mitigating risk to contract completion.

When not at work, Jack enjoys spending time with his children, going on hikes, and trying to play guitar.

Jack is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

#### **FOLEY, MARGARET G.**

Margaret G. Foley is a civil litigation attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada. Her practice is focused on general liability, employment, insurance coverage and bad faith, and appeals, with an emphasis in federal court practice. She holds a Martindale-Hubbe AV Preeminent Rating and was named a Super Lawyer Mountain States Rising Star in the area of government, municipalities and cities in 2011.

Ms. Foley received her B.A. from U.C. Berkeley and her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. She served as a law clerk to Circuit Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and to Justice Miriam Shearing on the Nevada Supreme Court. She has tried cases in the Clark County, Nevada courts in torts and business matters, with successful outcomes for her clients.

Margaret is licensed to practice in Nevada, California, and New York.

#### **FRASHER, MARSHALL**

Marshall Frasher is a Partner in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis P.C. Marshall is a civil litigator with more than 35 years of trial, arbitration and mediation experience in multiple California and Federal Court venues including Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Tulare, Fresno, Kings, Inyo, Mono, Sacramento, Placer, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Sonoma, Monterey, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties and the Central and Eastern Districts of California. He is experienced in all phases of litigation including pleading, discovery, law and motion, jury selection and trial, appeals, settlement negotiation and release agreement drafting. Marshall has conducted more than a thousand discovery depositions including hundreds of expert witness depositions of physicians, economists, and engineers. Additionally, he is well versed in the interplay between third party liability claims and workers' compensation subrogation claims.

Marshall is licensed to practice law in the state of California.



### **GADDIS JR., HOWARD**

Howard Gaddis, Jr. is a Partner in the San Antonio, Texas, office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Howard is formally educated and experienced in law, civil engineering, and business administration. He has litigation experience in insurance coverage, bad faith, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, premises liability, and dram shop liability. His civil engineering background lends to the defense of matters associated with the engineering and construction business.

Howard previously served as a managing board member and corporate counsel for Viper Petroleum. He utilized experiences in engineering and business to provide expert consultation on matters associated with Viper Petroleum. Howard ensured Viper's compliance with all environmental and governmental laws and requirements associated with the petroleum industry as well as contract review and negotiation. He assured Viper's operations fell within industry quality and compliance standards.

Prior to graduating from law school, Howard was a licensed professional engineer for a small firm in San Antonio, Texas. He was involved in all levels of engineering projects including preliminary planning, final project concept, budget determination, design, and bid and contract document preparation. Howard prepared plans, specifications, bid documents, pre-bid review of bids, contract negotiations, pre-construction conferences, and formally educated and experienced in law, civil engineering, business administration and coordination with State and Federal agencies.

Howard is an avid auto racing fan. He follows all auto racing circuits as well as the drag boat racing series. He loves to travel and is extremely fond of dogs.

Howard is licensed to practice in the State of Texas.

### **GARAY, LILLIAM**

Lilliam Garay is an Associate at the firm's Miami office and focuses her practice on insurance defense. Ms. Garay earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a double major in International Relations from Florida International University and her Juris Doctorate at the University of Miami School of Law.

While in law school, Ms. Garay interned with the Honorable Marcia B. Caballero, of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, interned at the University of Miami Immigration Clinic, and participated in the University of Miami Litigation Skills Program. Ms. Garay also worked as a Certified Legal Intern at the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office during law school. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, she practiced insurance defense at a prominent defense firm. Ms. Garay also has experience in domestic and commercial litigation matters as well.

Education: University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables FL Juris Doctor, May 2015 • Florida International

University, Miami, FL Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations, May 2012 • Certificate in National Security Studies, May 2012

Licenses & Admissions: Admitted to the Florida Bar, September 2016 • Admitted to US Southern District of Florida, January 2017

Areas of Practice: Bodily Injury Defense • Construction Defect Litigation • Employment Law • Environmental Law • General Liability • Hospitality & Retail Defense • Insurance Defense

### **GARCIA, CINDY**

Cindy Garcia has over 20 years of litigation experience. Originally from Houston, Cindy moved to the Rio Grande valley with her husband George and two children, Kimberly and Andrew in 1995. She subsequently founded what is known as The Garcia Law Firm. Cindy has an extensive trial background, and was previously a managing partner at Hirsh, Scheiness & Garcia, P.L.L.C. prior to opening her own firm.

Cindy takes pride in her ability to provide top-tier legal representation, with personal attention to her clients. Cindy's areas of practice include civil litigation, commercial litigation, construction law & litigation, insurance defense, personal injury defense, municipality law, product liability, automobile litigation, employment law, mass tort litigation, transportation law, toxic tort litigation, trucking liability, and mediation.

Cindy has received the Hispanic Women's Hall of Fame Award, as an Inductee of "Women on the Move," noted by the Houston Post. She is affiliated with the American Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association State Bar of Texas, and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, to name a few. Cindy also received certification in mediation from the University of Houston Law Center - A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center in February of 1996.

### **GARCIA-SALGADO, RAFAEL**

Rafael Garcia-Salgado is an experienced defense litigator in the areas of complex business disputes, professional liability, personal injury, product liability, construction defect, asbestos, and transportation matters. Rafael has significant trial experience, but always focuses on resolving a case early to limit clients' liability.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Rafael practiced at the law firms of McGuireWoods and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Before becoming an attorney, Rafael served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Margaret M. Mann, former chief judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California.

Rafael is admitted in all federal districts in California and has an active license to practice law in the state. He is inactive in Colorado, Washington, Virginia, and New Jersey.

### **GARIBYAN, EDMON S.**

Edmon S. Garibyan is an Associate in the Denver office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where his practice areas include civil litigation, insurance coverage and bad faith, construction defect, and employment disputes. Ed's experience ranges from working at the City of Aurora where he enforced city ordinances, zoning and land use, and tax and licensing regulations, to a successful attorney at another Denver firm practicing commercial litigation, contract disputes, landlord and tenant matters, collections, foreclosures, replevins, construction defect, and mechanics lien litigation. Ed understands that representation by an attorney with passion, ability, and a willingness to take difficult battles to trial is the most effective way to reach his goals.

A competitor by nature, Ed participates as a Scoring Judge for the Douglas County High School Mock Trial Tournament, CU-DU Hogan Lovells Cup Mock Trial Tournament, and The Summit Cup DU Mock Trial Tournament. Ed attended the University of Colorado - Boulder where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and traveled nationally to compete in Model United Nations conferences. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he also competed on mock trial teams, participated in DU/CU tournaments, and received the Westminster Law Library Certificate in Legal Research.

### **GATLIN, VALERIE**

Valerie Gatlin is an Associate in the Orlando office and focuses her practice in general liability defense, vehicle negligence, and other civil litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Valerie worked at a St. Petersburg, Florida based Plaintiff's firm in construction litigation and general negligence matters. She also has extensive experience in insurance defense, coverage and employment defense.

Valerie received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Relations and Political Science from Florida State University. She went on to graduate from Stetson University College of Law while participating in the Student Bar Association Summer Advisory Counsel and Part-Time Student Society and focusing her skills on civil and trial advocacy. She was recognized for her hard work and dedication to the legal field with scholarships including the Judge Edith M. Atkinson Scholarship and Judge Raphael Steinhardt Public Interest Scholarship.

Outside of the office, Valerie serves as a Guardian Ad Litem volunteer where she advocates for abused and neglected children.

Valerie is licensed to practice law in the state of Florida.

### **GOGGIN, SHARI**

Ms. Goggin is a Managing Partner of the Texas offices of Resnick & Louis and has an extensive history as a trial attorney. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Ms. Goggin moved to Houston, TX and has practiced in Texas

since January of 2018. She was a partner with Cozzi & Goggin in Warrenville, IL. Prior to that, Ms. Goggin was partner with the Law Firm of Kiesler & 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, supervising more than 30 attorneys. She has been a plaintiff's personal injury attorney and an assistant appellate and public defender. So far in her career, she has 100 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 through 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.

**Representative Matters:**

Ms. Goggin has represented clients including Macy's, United Road Transport, 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 State and Federal Courts of Texas and Illinois, the Illinois Supreme Court and the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Recent Representative Trial Victories:**

Arnold J. Klehm Grower, Inc. v. Ludvig Svensson, LLC, Kane County IL; 2017. Prevailed on products liability claim against manufacturer of shade cloth for greenhouses where a fire started and spread over the cloth. The jury found that the client's shade cloth was not unreasonably dangerous.

Sailliez v. Edy's Ice Cream, Will County, Illinois; 2010. Prevailed and jury awarded \$22,800 after \$14.7 million was demanded from the jury for claimed injuries sustained in a trucking accident where client's semi performed an illegal U-turn on a highway. Special damages were claimed to be in excess of \$4 million. Jury did not believe Plaintiff was seriously injured and found Plaintiff 45% comparatively negligent.

Tucci v. Louis Glunz Wines, Inc., Lake County, IL; 2015. Prevailed on a wrongful death case where Plaintiff committed suicide the night before trial was originally to begin following an overdose on pain medication taken allegedly resulting from the injuries in the rear-end trucking accident. Plaintiff demanded \$12.5 million from the jury.

Zalesky v. Lincoln-Way Schools, Will County, IL; 2015. Prevailed on a case where Plaintiff was paralyzed after falling through her garage attic floor. Plaintiff claimed the access stairway and attic did not contain a proper floor and did not meet local building codes. She demanded \$5.3 million from the jury. The jury awarded the Plaintiff nothing, stating the condition met code and was an open and obvious hazard to encounter.

**GOINGS, A. ELIZABETH**

A. Elizabeth Goings, Esq. is Of Counsel in the Miami office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive experience in civil litigation, corporate law, contract negotiation, general counsel services, and construction law.

Elizabeth's legal career has been marked by a wealth of experience across various legal domains. She founded Goings Law Group, P.A. in Miami, FL, where she served as the Sole Shareholder since December 2014. Here, she managed all aspects of civil litigation cases, negotiates and drafts contracts, and served as general counsel to small and medium-cap companies. Elizabeth's expertise extends to corporate structure, licensing, governmental compliance (including cross-border transactions), taxes, labor & employment, liability, and litigation. Before establishing her firm, she held significant roles at various law firms, including serving as an Associate Attorney in Miami, FL, and West Palm Beach, FL.

Elizabeth's professional journey commenced after earning her B.S. in Mass Communications from Virginia Commonwealth University. Following this, she ventured into non-profit fundraising, management, and economic development before obtaining her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami. In addition to her legal endeavors, Elizabeth served as a Case Management Consultant for the Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Legal Affairs in the Government of the Bahamas, where she advised on streamlining case and matter management protocols.

Elizabeth is licensed to practice law in Florida and the Southern District of Florida.

**GOLDSTEIN, HEATHER W.**

Heather W. Goldstein has over 20 years of extensive experience in complex commercial and civil litigation cases, defending various entities, including public entity defendants in insurance disputes, employment liability, civil rights and commercial liability.

Ms. Goldstein has also successfully litigated matters and counseled clients in matters involving employment litigation and land use approval, administrative law, and education law.

In addition, Ms. Goldstein has been a public defender for the State of New Jersey, defending parents in matters brought by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in numerous matters brought to trial.

Ms. Goldstein was raised in New Jersey, and received her undergraduate degree at Cornell University. She received her Juris Doctorate at Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School, where she was Research Editor of the Cardozo Woman's Law Journal.

After law school graduation, Ms. Goldstein clerked for the Honorable Charles E. Ramos, in the State of New York, Supreme Court. Ms. Goldstein then worked in New York specializing in commercial litigation before relocating to New Jersey.

## **GOLDSTEIN, SCOTT**

Scott Goldstein is seasoned trial attorney with significant first chair experience and numerous reported jury verdicts. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, employment litigation, hospitality and retail defense, premises liability, professional liability and construction defect matters in federal and state courts.

Scott represents individuals, corporations, limited liability companies and other businesses, insurance companies, managing general agents and third-party administrators in complex business disputes. He litigates insurance defense matters, employment discrimination actions and defends professional liability and errors and omissions claims asserted against attorneys, accountants, architects, engineers and design professionals, real estate agents and brokers, insurance agents and brokers, physicians, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers.

Scott has successfully analyzed and litigated complex breach of contract, RICO, corporate law and fraud claims. He defends and prosecutes EPL, D&O, labor law, contract, construction and construction defect, premises liability, negligent security, product liability, commercial transportation and surety law suits. Scott has won defense verdicts in jury trials in several complex lawsuits including, but not limited to construction defect, premises liability, retail defense, and general liability cases.

Scott was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and attended Brandeis University where he graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics. Scott received his Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School in 1995. Following his graduation from law school, Scott was a partner at two other prominent law firms in New York City and New Jersey.

Scott is admitted to practice before the courts of the states of New York and New Jersey, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey. He is admitted to and has argued appeals in the Third and Fourth Circuits of the United States Court of Appeals and the First and Second Departments of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

When not working, Scott is an avid softball player and regularly plays pickup basketball in a weekly Sunday morning game. He also enjoys coaching youth travel baseball and basketball, traveling, bungee jumping, watching his beloved New York Mets and spending time with his wife, Heather, and their two children.

## **GONZALEZ, GABRIEL**

Gabriel Gonzalez is a Partner in the Rio Grande Valley office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. He is an experienced civil litigation attorney in federal and state courts in South and Central Texas. He has handled many automobile liability, trucking and transportation, construction defects, premises liability, hospitality and retail defense, wrongful death, farm and ranch litigation, and first party cases. He has successfully defended cases at all stages, from pre-lawsuit

through appeal. Prior to Resnick & Louis, P.C., Gabriel spent years as a Partner at a South Texas insurance defense firm and as a felony prosecutor.

Gabriel graduated from Lawrence University (WI) prior to attending law school, where he received his B.A. with honors. Gabriel attended law school at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (now Texas A&M University School of Law) in Fort Worth, Texas, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude. While Gabriel was in law school he was an Articles Editor for the Texas Wesleyan Law Review and received the Inaugural Justice James A. Baker Memorial Clerkship awarded by the Dallas Bar Foundation. He was an intern for then-Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson.

Gabriel is licensed to practice in all courts in the State of Texas as well as the United States District Courts for the Southern and Western Districts of Texas.

#### **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.

#### **GRIFFIN-FROMM, KELLY**

Kelly Griffin-Fromm is a Partner in the Tarrytown, New York and Paramus, New Jersey offices of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in insurance coverage, breach of contract, construction, products liability and general civil litigation. Kelly's experience includes the analysis, investigation and litigation of complex commercial matters. She routinely appears before mediators and arbitrators and has successfully resolved numerous civil actions.

Prior to law school, Kelly was an NCAA Division II athlete, attending college on scholarships jointly for basketball and academics. Kelly went on to attend law school where she was the Business Editor for the Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal as well as the President of Habitat for Humanity.

Kelly is an ardent sports enthusiast and a competitive volleyball player, playing in two weekly leagues. She also enjoys kayaking, mountain biking and camping along with cheering for her New York Mets and spending time with her two daughters.

Kelly is admitted to practice before the courts of the states of New York and New Jersey, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey. She has also argued appeals in the First and Second Departments of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

#### **GROMAN, KRISTIN L.**

Kristin L. Groman is a Partner at the Albuquerque office of Resnick & Louis, PC where she focuses her practice on general civil litigation and insurance defense. Kristin has over 30 years of litigation experience. Immediately prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Kristin was a Senior Staff attorney at Hartford Insurance where her practice included personal injury in motor vehicle and premises liability cases, construction defect, major property damage and uninsured/underinsured motorist cases.

Kristin has litigated in both California and New Mexico state and federal courts through trial and appeal. She has been defending insureds as well as representing insurance companies in coverage and first party cases since 1994.

Kristin has also completed an intensive mediation course at the University of New Mexico and has served as a voluntary mediator in both the Second and 13th Judicial Districts in New Mexico.

Kristin is licensed to practice law in the State of New Mexico, the United States District Court for the district of New Mexico and the State of California.

#### **GRUBER, SHLOMIT**

Shlomit focuses her practice on insurance defense, construction defect, personal injury and general civil litigation. In her 15 years of experience as an attorney in Arizona, she has handled many trials and arbitrations, as well as achieved beneficial settlements for her clients.

Shlomit spent several years working as in-house counsel for one of the largest national insurance companies and spent years practicing in private law firms in the greater Phoenix area. She has extensive experience in all aspects of insurance defense litigation, working cases from start to finish in order to achieve the best results for her clients. Shlomit graduated from the University of Arizona in 2000, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She then obtained her Juris Doctorate in 2002, from California Western School of Law.

Shlomit is licensed to practice law in Arizona as well as the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.



### **GUADALUPE, JASMINE**

Jasmine Guadalupe is an Associate at the Paramus office of Resnick & Louis P.C. Jasmine handles a variety of general liability matters with a strong focus on premises liability, construction accidents, and motor vehicle accidents. Jasmine has over eight years of experience, including trial experience, and has litigated many types of general liability cases, including routine negligence cases, civil rights cases, breach of contract claims and employment litigation. She has also litigated consumer defense cases.

Jasmine employs a big picture approach to her work. She begins with the desired outcome and creates a strategy to achieve that objective. She prepares for trial on day one to identify any leverage in the case that can be used to resolve the matter as quickly and cost efficiently as possible.

Jasmine received her Juris Doctorate from Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in 2014. She earned a Bachelor of Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 2007. Jasmine is admitted to practice in New York State and Federal Courts and in New Jersey and Florida States.

### **GUDENKAUF, JACOB**

Jacob Gudenkauf has spent his career in and around the courtroom. During law school, he clerked with the Oregon Department of Justice as well as the Honorable Elizabeth Weishaupt in Colorado's 18th Judicial District. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Jake worked in a variety of areas of the law but always remained focused on litigation. He has experience handling complex construction disputes, professional liability claims, constitutional torts, securities litigation, coverage issues, and a variety of other civil and commercial disputes.

Jacob's focus is on first seeking to understand his client's goals and story. Whether through facilitating an early resolution or pursuing a matter through trial and final judgment, Jacob always seeks to find creative solutions to the problems that face his clients and to help them to reach their goals. When not in the office, Jake enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, and cheering for his beloved Colorado Buffaloes.

Jacob is licensed to practice law in Colorado.

### **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.

### **GUERRERO, MARCOS**

Marcos Guerrero is an Associate at the Miami office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Prior to joining the firm, Marcos worked as an associate attorney at a construction law firm where he handled cases involving civil litigation, commercial litigation, and construction defect.

Marcos is a Miami native and attended Florida International University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. Marcos received his Juris Doctor Degree from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law in 2017. While in Law school Marcos was an Articles Editor for the ILSA Journal of International & Comparative Law.

Additionally, Mr. Guerrero is fluent in Spanish. Marcos is licensed to practice law in the State of Florida.

### **HALL, MARK S.**

Mark Hall has extensive litigation experience throughout all of California. Mark is well-versed in general counsel guidance, real estate contracts, premises liability, construction defect, consumer product litigation as well as a variety of general liability matters. Mark has successfully defended his clients in a variety of resolution forums.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Mark served principal counsel for the Hall Law Firm for 19 years. After launching the firm, Mark provided counsel to private sector corporations as well as general counsel advice to Fortune 500 companies, insurance carriers, municipalities, third party administrators and self-insured entities.

Mark served as Of Counsel for the California Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters, providing legal advice and ethics instruction to a professional organization with over 1000 members. He has also served as an adjunct professor of business law.

Mark received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Studies from Pitzer College in Claremont, California. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from Whittier College School of Law. He is admitted to practice before all the courts of the State of California.

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Professional Associations: Orange County Bar Association • Of Counsel, California Association of Independent

Insurance Adjusters (2014-2017) • Los Angeles County Court mediator • Better Business Bureau trained arbitrator

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### **HAMILTON, ZACHARY L.**

Zachary L. Hamilton is an Associate in the San Francisco office of Resnick & Louis. He focuses his practice in the areas of general liability, premises liability, and insurance coverage disputes. Prior to becoming an attorney at Resnick & Louis, he practiced and handled matters involving personal injury, bad faith litigation, and disputes between insurers and reinsurers.

Mr. Hamilton earned his Juris Doctor from The University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California in May 2014, and a Bachelor of Political Science from the University of West Georgia in December 2009. While in law school, he was the Chancellor of the Space Law Association, which assisted with keeping the school current on space law, and got a class added on the subject.

Mr. Hamilton is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **HANNA, NARDINE**

Nardine Hanna is an Associate Attorney with Resnick & Lewis in the Burbank, California office. Ms. Hanna's practice is focused on civil litigation. Her experience includes the representation of insurers and policyholders in legal proceedings and other insurance-related matters in both State and Federal Courts.

Outside of the legal profession, Ms. Hanna enjoys being outdoors and spends her time hiking, camping, exploring scenic views, and going to the beach.

Nardine is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **HEINTZ, CATHLEEN**

Cathleen Heintz practices in the areas of civil litigation and insurance coverage. With over twenty years' experience, she has earned and maintained the "AV" Preeminent peer-review rating for legal ability and ethics from Martindale-Hubbell. Ms. Heintz represents clients in matters involving bad faith, construction defects, oil and gas, professional liability, and general liability. Ms. Heintz has handled litigation throughout the Rocky Mountain Region, including Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Montana. She has appeared in state and federal district courts and courts of appeal in the region, including the 9th and 10th Circuit Courts of Appeal.

In 2010, Ms. Heintz testified before the Colorado House of Representatives regarding legislation significantly affecting the insurance and construction industries, including amendments to the Colorado Construction Defect

Action Reform Act (“CDARA”).

Ms. Heintz has a unique background in the insurance industry, having worked for nearly a decade before becoming an attorney for several major insurance companies where she served in the areas of claims, contracts, compliance, and underwriting. Ms. Heintz is a frequent author and lecturer on insurance-related topics.

Ms. Heintz previously served as Chair of the Southwest Chapter of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (“PLUS”). Cathleen also presently serves as the U.S. Mountain West Regional Director of the Chapter Relations Council of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and previously served as Chair of the Litigation Practice Area for that organization.

Ms. Heintz is a member of Mensa International and has served as the Gifted Child Coordinator for the Denver Chapter of this organization. She has also volunteered her time as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Arapahoe County Advocates for Children.

Cathleen is licensed to practice law in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

#### **HERNANDEZ, DANIEL**

Mr. Hernandez is a Partner with Resnick & Louis. His practice is dedicated to fighting fraud, especially in the automobile insurance area. He specializes in the evaluation and defense of first and third party SIU Claims. His practice includes cases against attorneys, doctors, organized crime members, chiropractors, body shop owners, stagers and others who have attempted to defraud insurance companies.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Hernandez was a Partner of a prominent insurance defense firm in Pasadena where he practiced law in the areas of personal injury, insurance fraud, professional liability, and worked with public entities. Mr. Hernandez also specialized in defending large exposure litigation cases and represented insurers in affirmative cases against suspected fraud rings and those alleged to be engaged in the illegal practice of corporate medicine. He also defended first party claims including uninsured and underinsured motorists, comprehensive losses, and commercial and residential losses.

Mr. Hernandez received his B.A. in history, political science, and film studies at the University of California, Irvine in 2003 and J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles in 2007. Mr. Hernandez is a member of the American Bar Association and admitted to the United States District Court, Central District of California.

#### **HERNANDEZ, MANUEL (MANNY)**

Manuel “Manny” Hernandez is a Partner in the San Antonio office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. He has over 25 years of experience litigating cases throughout south and central Texas. His practice involves representing individuals,

businesses, and insurers in areas of litigation and risk management. His primary practice includes first and third-party personal injury defense, bad faith, SIU/EUO's, trucking and transportation, dram shop, premises liability, construction defect, products liability, and commercial litigation.

Prior to his tenure at Resnick & Louis, P.C., Manny honed his legal skills serving as in-house counsel for a national insurance company. This experience granted him unique insights into the insurance industry, further enhancing his ability to navigate complex legal challenges.

Manny received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at Pan American and received his Juris Doctor degree from Hamline University from Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Manny is licensed to practice law in Texas, and United States Federal Courts.

#### **HICKMAN, HARRIETT J.**

Harriett J. Hickman is a Partner at the Albuquerque, New Mexico office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where she focuses her practice on general civil litigation and insurance defense. Harriett has over 35 years of litigation experience. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Harriett was a Partner with a prominent insurance defense firm where her practice included personal injury defense, premises liability, risk management, employment, and construction defect cases in both State and Federal Courts. Harriett also previously served as a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service for 11 years where she prosecuted an average of six bench trials a week.

Harriett has successfully obtained dismissal of cases through pre-trial motion practice in both State and Federal Courts. She has obtained excellent results resolving lawsuits for her clients at mediations in both State and Federal Court matters.

#### **HILL, ANDRÉ R.**

André R. Hill is a Partner in the Sacramento and Orange County offices of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in all branches of Structural Pest Control including WDO, fumigation, rodent control, and chemical pounds (FIFRA), construction defect, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, product liability defense, premises liability, toxic tort litigation, and habitability issues. André's experience includes the analysis and litigation of all aspects of general civil litigation with expertise in insurance defense, defending and advising pest control operators, rental equipment disputes, and trucking litigation. His practice also involves activity in all phases of litigation, including responsibility for trials, binding arbitrations, mediations, and settlement negotiations.

André also has significant experience in handling the investigation and litigation of varying forms of pest control matters and has made several presentations to Pest Control of California inspectors and operators concerning

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issues concerning bed bugs, termites, gophers, moles, and numerous vermin. André has advised claim adjusters in file handling procedures for pest related matters.

Prior to graduating from law school, André was an Associate Editor for the UCLA Black Law Journal. He has been a speaker/presenter at various legal forums on topics such as Mechanic lines, diversity in the law, and pest control law and practices throughout California.

During his personal time, André enjoys reading literary works, running, listening to Jazz, coaching, and playing basketball and baseball. He was a California All-State Basketball Player while attending college.

André is licensed to practice law in California.

### **HOLADAY, ARNOLD W.**

Arnold W. Holaday is a Partner at Resnick & Louis. Mr. Holaday specializes in defending a wide variety of insurance defense cases involving motor vehicle accidents, construction site accidents, premises liability issues, landlord-tenant issues and construction defect. Mr. Holaday is also involved in the evaluation and defense of first-party insurance fraud matters including taking examinations under oath and drafting coverage opinions.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Holaday practiced law at a prominent firm in Los Angeles for over 20 years defending cases involving personal injury, construction defect and real property title issues. In defending construction defect cases, Mr. Holaday represented general contractors in complex multi-party actions involving large residential developments.

Mr. Holaday's experience in the area of real property litigation includes defending insureds on issues involving boundary disputes, easements, mechanic's liens, landlord-tenant liability, chain of title issues and lien priorities.

Mr. Holaday received a B.A. in economics and an M.B.A. from UC Irvine. Mr. Holaday attended the University of San Francisco School of Law where he received his J.D. with honors and was a member of law review.

### **HOLLY, MARTIN D.**

Mr. Holly specializes in prosecuting and evaluating fraud claims brought under Insurance Code Section 1871.7, Penal Code Sections 549 and 550, and Business and Professions Code Section 17200. Mr. Holly is well-respected and known to aggressively develop facts in pursuit of his clients' rights in actions involving the corporate practice of medicine, the submission of fraudulent insurance claims, the improper use of CPT codes (upcoding and unbundling), capping, and fee splitting.

Because of the complex nature of the ever-evolving fraud, Mr. Holly and the Complex Litigation Team have

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investigated and brought lawsuits against attorneys, doctors, organized crime members, chiropractors, body shop owners, and stagers.

Mr. Holly's actions have directly resulted in millions of dollars in savings to his clients and even more in judgments, including a recent judgment for \$10.2 million dollars against multiple defendants who conspired to bill for services that were not rendered, submitted false and fraudulent medical reports, and manipulated various CPT codes in order to enhance their profits.

Mr. Holly is also an accomplished and experienced first chair trial lawyer with recent defense verdicts in the federal and state courts. Mr. Holly's successes include subject matters ranging from police misconduct to personal injury claims with blatant CPT code violations.

Mr. Holly is an approved panelist for the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA), which services the needs of a collection of cities throughout California.

Mr. Holly received his BA from the University of California, Berkeley. He thereafter received his JD from the University of Dayton. In addition to serving as the first-year class president and the Student Bar Association Vice President, Mr. Holly earned several awards, including the University's Service Award and the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship. Further due to his outstanding advocacy skills, Mr. Holly was selected to be a member of the school's moot court team and recruited to coach a team the following year.

Mr. Holly is admitted to the California State Bar; the Northern, Central, and Southern District Courts; and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Education: BA, University of California, Berkeley • JD, University of Dayton

Bar Admissions: California State Bar • Northern, Central, & Southern District Courts • Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Areas of Practice: Business & Corporate Law • Civil Litigation • Construction Defect Litigation • Insurance Defense • Personal Injury • Transportation & Trucking

### **HOLMESLY, MARY**

Mary Holmesly is a Partner in the Houston office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. She has substantial experience defending and prosecuting complex legal, factual, and damage issues in multiple jurisdictions throughout Texas. Mary has represented both plaintiffs and defendants, business entities and individuals, in state and federal courts throughout her practice.

Mary's accomplishments include multiple favorable verdicts at trial, summary judgments, and settlements in favor of her clients. She has litigated cases involving offshore drilling rig and platform accidents, trucking accidents,

premises liability, catastrophic injuries, wrongful death, motor vehicle accidents, construction defects, breach of contract, and fraud. Her maritime experience includes litigating claims arising under the Jones Act, Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act, the Defense Base Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, and the Limitation of Liability Act. She also has experience with the arrest and attachment of maritime property. She has first and second chair trial experience, including cases featuring complex scientific or medical issues, such as spinal and orthopedic injuries, traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other related claims.

She has been named a "Rising Star" in Maritime and Transportation Law by *Texas Super Lawyers*.

### **HUFNAGEL, ROBERT A.**

Robert A. Hufnagel is a Partner at Resnick & Louis. Mr. Hufnagel has extensive litigation and trial experience throughout all of California. Mr. Hufnagel is well-versed in employment law, professional liability, construction casualty and defect, products liability, and personal injury defense. Mr. Hufnagel has successfully defended his clients in jury trials, appellate proceedings, binding arbitrations, mediations, and administrative hearings.

In addition to litigation, Mr. Hufnagel counsels his clients on transactional matters, business formation and organization, and how to comply with California's complex employment laws. Mr. Hufnagel frequently speaks to businesses on how to minimize their potential risk of liability.

Mr. Hufnagel obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of California, Riverside in 1997, with a minor in Political Science. Mr. Hufnagel received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Southwestern University School of Law in 2000. During law school, Mr. Hufnagel was a board member of the Trial Advocacy Honors Program and developed a passion for trials. He is admitted to practice before all courts in the State of California and in the Central and Southern Districts of California for the United States District Courts.

Robert A. Hufnagel is an Assistant Professor of Law at Irvine University in Cerritos, California. He also teaches business law at Westcliff University in Irvine, California. Mr. Hufnagel brings his real life and practical experience to the classroom for the benefit of the next generation of lawyers and business leaders.

Mr. Hufnagel has served as a settlement officer for the Los Angeles Superior Court in Pasadena. Mr. Hufnagel resides in Rancho Cucamonga and is a Board Member for the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce, and Central School District's Bond Oversight Committee.

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, Minor in Political Science, University of California, Riverside, 1997 • Juris Doctorate Degree, Southwestern University School of Law, 2000

Licenses & Admissions: California State Bar • Central District of California U.S. District Court • Southern District of California, U.S. District Court



Community Involvement: Board Member for the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce • Central School District's Bond Oversight Committee

Areas of Practice: Construction Defect Litigation • Employment Law • Employment Litigation • Liability Law • Personal Injury • Premises Liability Litigation • Product Liability

### **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.

### **JOACHIM, LINDSAY**

Lindsay Joachim is an Associate in the Burbank office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and focuses his practice on civil litigation, construction defect and insurance defense. He has 30 years experience as an attorney. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Lindsay worked as staff counsel for 2 major insurance companies. Prior to that he dabbled in plaintiff's personal injury and bad faith as well as business litigation. He also defended Home Inspectors.

Lindsay lived on Long Island and moved to California as a teenager. He received his B.S. Degree in Business from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA. He worked for 9 years as a financial analyst before earning his Juris Doctor Degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. He was editor on the Loyola Entertainment Law Journal.

Away from the office Lindsay plays tennis and with Melissa takes care of his 4 Newfoundland dogs, likes to travel and take cruises.

Lindsay is licensed to practice law in California. He is also admitted in the U.S. District Court, Central District of California.

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**JONES, PRESCOTT T.**

Prescott Jones is a Partner at Resnick & Louis. He practices primarily in the areas of Construction Litigation, Business Law, Cannabis Law, and Real Estate Litigation. Prescott frequently handles complex litigation and was the handling associate for one of the largest class action construction defect matters in Nevada history. Additionally, he personally represents and advises Nevada companies of all sizes in general corporate matters, entity formation, contract negotiation, and complex litigation.

Prescott also represents and advises Nevada homeowners associations in matters addressing collections, foreclosures, and superiority liens. Prescott has worked with cannabis entities throughout the United States and Canada on complex matters such as licensing agreements, joint ventures, purchase and sale agreements, and entity formation. He graduated from law school in 2009 in the top quarter of his class and was admitted to the Nevada Bar the same year.

Prescott Jones is "AV" rated 4.8/5.0 on Martindale-Hubbell for Business Law; Construction Litigation; and General Civil Litigation. Prescott is admitted to and has appeared in all Nevada courts, including the Nevada Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

**JONES IV, ROBERT B.**

Robert B. Jones IV received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Middle Tennessee State University. Mr. Jones received his Juris Doctor from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where he graduated cum laude. During law school, Mr. Jones completed internships at both the San Diego City Attorney's Office as well as the County of San Diego's Alternate Public Defender office.

Mr. Jones ran his own practice for almost two decades, where he has tried a variety of cases in criminal, civil and immigration courts. Mr. Jones has successfully resolved felony and misdemeanor cases involving a wide range of criminal allegations, and he has helped hundreds of clients obtain citizenship, asylum, and other immigration benefits.

Mr. Jones is admitted to The State Bar of California as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

**KALTZ, KIMBERLY**

Kimberly is an accomplished attorney with over 20 years of experience practicing defense litigation throughout Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Florida. She earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida before completing her Paralegal Certification from Nova University. She then went on to St. Thomas University of Law School, graduating with her Juris Doctorate in 1995.

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Kimberly also has background in marketing and business relations, economic fraud investigation, possesses a FL Designated 6-20 All Lines Adjuster Certification, and a 2-15 Insurance License within the state of Florida.

Besides her dedication to the law, Kimberly is an active philanthropist and mentor to the next generation of great minds within the world of litigation.

#### **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.

#### **KIRKENIR, BETHANY**

Bethany Kirkenir focuses on helping people put their lives back together, both physically and financially, after they've been the victim of personal injuries. She strives to achieve the best possible results for her clients, and has an extensive legal background consisting of personal injury law, family law, contract law, employment law, and civil litigation, to name a few.

Bethany's passion for law started in high school when she competed in the Attorney program with Youth & Government. During her senior year, she and her partner placed in the top three for both their oral arguments as well as their written briefs. She graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and minors in History and Religious Studies. While there, she served on the Central Residential Funding Board, the Residential Hall Judicial Committee, and as the Vice President of Judicial Standards for the Panhellenic Council.

She then moved to Nevada where she attended and graduated from the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada. While in law school, she served as Secretary and Treasurer for the Intellectual Property Law Society, President of the International Law Society, and as an Articles Editor for the Gaming Law Journal.

Bethany has focused her practice of law advocating for her clients, no matter the size of their case. She understands how stressful and confusing it can be when you're the victim of injuries caused by another person, and

she takes pride in helping clients get the help, compassion, and care that they deserve. Ms. Kirkenir was admitted to the Nevada State Bar in 2013. She is also admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts for the District of Nevada.

### **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 products 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

### **KOONS, GEORGE**

George Koons is a Partner in the Denver office of Resnick & Louis. He focuses his practice on the defense of general liability, products liability, auto liability, premises liability, bodily injury, and wrongful death claims. George is

adept at investigating and analyzing matters and providing his clients with an early evaluation of the issues, liability, and possible damages. He then works closely with them to develop a strategy for efficiently resolving the matter according to the client's needs.

George has over 20 years of experience defending a variety of insurance and other claims brought against his small, medium, and large clients and has served as regional counsel for FCA US LLC (Chrysler, Jeep, Ram, Dodge) and Ford Motor Credit Company LLC. He has achieved numerous dismissals and summary judgments and tried dozens of arbitrations and court and jury trials with outstanding results. George was awarded the American Jurisprudence Award for Advanced Legal Writing, the American Bar Association Military Pro Bono Project Outstanding Services Award, and the Young Lawyer Award. George is a Marine Corps veteran.

George is licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado.

#### **KORZEN, ALAN L.**

Alan L. Korzen is a Partner in the Tarrytown, New York and Paramus, New Jersey offices of Resnick & Louis, P.C. He is an experienced trial attorney and focuses his practice on premises liability, construction defect litigation, bodily injury defense, insurance defense, New York labor law, toxic torts, subrogation, products liability, and general liability cases. Alan has practiced extensively at the state and federal level and has successfully resolved numerous civil lawsuits.

Alan received his Bachelor of Arts degree from The George Washington University and his Juris Doctor degree from Pace University School of Law.

Alan is licensed to practice law in Connecticut and New York.

#### **KOWALSKI, MICHAEL J.**

Mike is an attorney in the firm's Ontario office. As an experienced trial attorney, he has practiced for over 20 years with a focus on Civil Litigation Defense in the areas of first- and third- party claims, SIU investigations, construction defect, class actions, employment practice liability, professional liability/errors & omissions, D&O litigation, general liability, ADA law, and numerous Examinations Under Oath. While practicing in Southern California, Mike sat as Judge Pro Tem in a variety of courts in San Bernardino County.

In 1986 Mr. Kowalski received his Bachelor of Science in business with a focus on Management and Human Resources from Cal Poly Pomona. In 1991 he received his Juris Doctrate from Southwestern School of Law Los Angeles.

An avid runner, hiker and baseball enthusiast, Mike has completed four marathons and over 30 half-marathons,

submitted Mt. Whitney in California and Humphrey Peak in Arizona, hiked the Grand Canyon from rim-to-rim and completed one-third of the John Muir Trail. His baseball passion leans pretty much exclusively with the Chicago Cubs. Mike lives in Redlands, California with his wife, Kelli.

### **KURPANEK, 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.

### **LAUMAKIS, CHRISTI**

Christine has been in practicing in California for 20 years, providing legal representation in the areas of business litigation, construction defect litigation, bodily injury, automobile liability, small lender representation, general civil litigation and personal bankruptcy. Between college and law school she was a Duke-F.U. Berlin Linkage Fellow at the Free University of Berlin 1991-1992 where she studied linguistics.

Christine is licensed to practice law in California.

### **LEVY, ELLEN**

Ellen Levy is a Partner in the Phoenix office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Ellen ("Ellie") is known for her ability to effectively address catastrophic injuries and wrongful death matters arising from medical malpractice, nursing home

negligence, transportation, motor vehicle accidents, premise liability, product defect and/or DRAM shop actions.

Prior to joining Resnick and Louis, Ellie was a shareholder for 12 years for another prestigious litigation firm where she managed similar work in addition to her work with complex business and dissolution matters. She was also managing attorney to a global insurance company where she increased the overall production of her office within the very first year while simultaneously handling wrongful death and catastrophic injury trials throughout the state of Arizona as well as in-house SIU claims.

Ellen is licensed to practice law in Arizona.

### **LEWIS, LESLIE A.**

Leslie A. Lewis is a Partner in the San Antonio office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive insurance defense litigation experience, specializing in first-party bad faith defense. Leslie's experience also includes personal injury defense, property damage, premises liability, and analysis of insurance coverage issues.

During her undergraduate career, Leslie was elected to lead the Model United Nations Team, selected as the Departmental Tutor for the History Department, and inducted into Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

When the U.S. Army transferred her spouse to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Leslie worked designing historic markers for multiple states, including Maryland, Georgia, and Texas, while completing her degree to graduate Magna Cum Laude from The University of Texas at San Antonio.

During her time at St. Mary's University School of Law, Leslie received the Dean's Scholarship, was in the inaugural Evening Program class, and was named a China Pioneer for being a member of the first St. Mary's Institute on Chinese Law and Business at Beihang University in Beijing, China.

Leslie and her husband are rearing their children to share their love of reading, travel, and cooking.

Leslie is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas, the Southern District of Texas, and the Western District of Texas.

### **LINDBERG, DEAN D.**

Dean has extensive experience in many areas of litigation, most notably with trucking & automobile personal injury accidents. He has also represented national retail stores regarding premises liability, which has included slip/trip & falls, false arrest and construction site accidents. In other large loss cases, Dean has represented clients regarding professional liability, products liability and transportation defense as well as construction litigation including contractual compliance, indemnity, defective claims and insurance coverage issues.

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Dean has tried over 25 cases, presented over 350 cases in arbitration and mediated more than 300 cases throughout his career. He was rated as an AV trial attorney for his work representing clients of Liberty Mutual Insurance, Golden Eagle and Safeco. Dean was also a court appointed arbitrator for Marin, Alameda, and San Francisco counties and acted as an arbitrator in more than 100 cases.

Dean is licensed to practice law in California.

### **LOFTIS, MICHAEL TODD**

Michael Todd Loftis is a Partner in South Carolina with Resnick & Louis, P.C. Todd has extensive litigation experience having litigated cases to verdict in all levels of South Carolina's State and Federal Courts. His areas of litigation include Insurance Defense, Construction Defect and Administration, Class Action, Mass Tort, Commercial Carrier, Aviation Liability, Insurance Coverage Disputes, Contract Disputes, Employment, Personal Injury, Immigration, Governmental Liability, Premises Liability, Professional Liability and Products Liability.

Todd also has experience in assisting insurance providers in drafting policy language to conform with changes in the existing law and statutes.

Before attending law school, Todd received his Bachelor of Science Degree in American History from Charleston Southern University. He earned a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina in 2000 and was admitted to practice law in South Carolina later that same year. Todd is licensed to practice in all Courts located in the State of South Carolina and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Todd has been practicing Civil Litigation since 2000 and has represented clients in all forty-five counties within the state of South Carolina.

In his personal life Todd enjoys spending time with his wife and son, traveling on adventures throughout the United States, coaching and cheering for his son's sports teams, a quest to visit all of the Major League Ballparks with his son, civic involvement and pulling for his beloved Gamecocks. Fun fact about Todd is that when he was in Pre-K he was interviewed for the local paper in his hometown of Barnwell, South Carolina, and he was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up and he answered, "a dragon".

Todd is licensed to practice law in the state of South Carolina.

### **LOPEZ, JORGE A.**

Jorge A. Lopez is Of Counsel in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Specializing in civil litigation, personal injury, and estate planning, Jorge offers extensive experience and is bilingual in English and Spanish. His work spans from client intake to trial, demonstrating strong skills in negotiation and legal drafting in both state and federal courts.

His previous experience at Jorgensen & Salberg, LLP, and Callahan & Blaine, APLC, Jorge's contributions



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included handling discovery, depositions, and legal motions, in addition to comprehensive research, drafting, and trial preparation. His ability to liaise with treating physicians and draft a variety of complaints further showcases his versatility and depth of knowledge in his practice areas. He remains actively involved in the Hispanic Bar Association and the Cuban American Bar Association.

Jorge is licensed to practice in California, the United States Central District Court, and the United States Tax Court.

**LOUIS, LENA M.**

Lena has been working in the fields of construction defect, professional liability, bodily injury, transportation defense, automobile liability, commercial litigation, construction law and general liability matters since 1995. She concentrates her practice on representing commercial property owners, businesses, developers, general contractors and trade contractors. She also provides business services and represents clients in contract related transactional matters.

Lena is a “hands-on” lawyer and prides herself in giving personal attention to her clients to obtain the best results possible. She has also participated in representing clients in recovering multimillion dollar settlements in California and was recently granted California Supreme Court review in a case involving the effect of repressed memory on statutes of limitations in California.

Lena also provides risk management services to her clients, which have helped her clients avoid significant claims. Through Lena’s counsel, an Arizona developer resolved a potential lengthy and costly complex construction defect suit prior to the initiation of discovery with zero recovery to the plaintiffs. Lena has handled hundreds of cases in California, Nevada, and Arizona. Lena is licensed to practice law in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

**LUND, BRENNAN C.**

Brennan C. Lund is Of Counsel at the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where the majority of his case load involves insurance coverage. Brennan’s experience also includes bad faith litigation, subrogation, and employment defense, as well as handling examinations under oath.

Brennan received his Bachelor of Arts in English from California State University, Long Beach. He attended law school at Chapman University where he received his Juris Doctor. Brennan was an active member of his law school’s moot court team, participating twice in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition and the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition. He also was a contributing member of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence.

Brennan enjoys surfing, sailing, spearfishing, and traveling anywhere with a beach.

Brennan is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

## **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

## **MALDONADO, DANIEL**

Daniel Maldonado is a Partner in the Phoenix office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in insurance coverage, bad faith, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, premises liability, and dram shop liability. Daniel's experience includes the analysis and litigation of complex insurance coverage issues, including EPLI and Personal Injury/Advertising Injury issues involving both personal lines and commercial lines. His practice also involves representing insurance companies in defense of complex bad faith claims.

Daniel also has significant experience in handling the investigation and litigation of complex employment law matters. Daniel was an author of the employment chapter of the Arizona Tort Law Handbook. He represented both private and public sector clients regarding Title IX (civil rights), Title VII, The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age and Employment Discrimination Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, Section 1983 claims, and the Arizona Civil Rights Act. Daniel also developed for various firm client's complete employment programs including the development of employer specific employee manuals, drug testing policies and other transactional employment services.

Prior to graduating from law school, Daniel was the Associate Managing Editor for the Arizona State University Law Journal and the Notes and Comments Editor for the Jurimetrics: Journal of Law, Science and Technology. Daniel has published various legal treatises and law review articles. Since 2003, he has been an author/co-editor of Couch on Insurance 3rd, which is a multi-volume treatise on insurance law published by Thompson Reuters. He has been a speaker/presenter at various employment law and insurance law conferences throughout the country.

Daniel enjoys reading literary works, attending Broadway plays, traveling internationally (including his native Puerto Rico), attending museums, and cooking exotic and strange dishes. He is the author of the Daniel Mendoza Thrillers Series and the Chambers Lane Series. In 2020, his first legal thriller, *May It Please The Court*, made the Short List Nomination for the Drunken Druids International Book Awards.

Daniel is licensed to practice law in the states of Arizona and Nevada.

### **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.

### **MARGULIS, MONICA R.**

Monica R. Margulis is Of Counsel at the Miami office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Ms. Margulis focuses her practice on first party property coverage, construction defect litigation, and bodily injury defense. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C., Ms. Margulis was an associate at a boutique law firm where she primarily specialized in first party property coverage and insurance coverage and gained experience in all stages of litigation through trial.

Ms. Margulis received her Juris Doctor from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. She was recognized for academic excellence, consistently made the Dean's list, and was awarded numerous scholarships. Monica proudly served on the Student Bar Association, Florida Association for Women's Lawyers, and Nova Trial Association. Monica also clerked for the Honorable Robert W. Lee for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Ms. Margulis is licensed to practice law in the state of Florida. She is proficient in Russian.

### **MARTIN, TYLER**

Tyler Martin is a Partner in the Phoenix and Salt Lake City offices of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation defense experience in construction defect, medical malpractice, personal injury, mass tort, toxic tort, and

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E&O defense. Tyler also has significant experience in handling the investigation and litigation of complex worker's compensation, creditor's rights and bankruptcy law matters. Tyler conducted hundreds of bankruptcy law seminars educating individuals and businesses on the bankruptcy process and rights afforded through bankruptcy filings.

Prior to graduating from law school, Tyler was the Solicitations Editor for the Brigham Young University School of Law Education and Law Journal. Tyler volunteered with youth held in juvenile detention centers and provided guidance to families affected by incarcerated minors. Tyler has also volunteered his time as president elect of Arizona's Coconino County Bar Association where he worked to provide continuing education training to county attorneys.

Tyler is licensed to practice law in Arizona, Colorado, and Utah, as well as various native American Tribal Courts.

#### **MARTINEZ, ADRIAN R.**

Adrian R. Martinez is a Partner in the Rio Grande Valley office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. He is a creative, passionate and versatile litigator with more than 40 years' experience representing both sides in personal injury, complex commercial, mass tort, environmental, and business-related cases in state and federal court. He also has extensive experience in successfully prosecuting fraud cases for private business clients and the United States Securities & Exchange Commission. The varied cases he has successfully litigated have been in state and federal courts throughout the United States and have involved claims in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C. Adrian was a partner in his own boutique law firm. He has also been a Partner in a mid-sized defense firm, an in-house senior trial lawyer for an oil & gas company, and an enforcement attorney for the United States Securities & Exchange Commission.

Adrian is married with a blended family of 6 adult children and 3 granddaughters. He was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He is fluent in Spanish having been raised a significant number of years in Mexico.

Adrian is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

#### **MARTINI, ELISABETH E.**

Elisabeth practices in the areas of commercial litigation, products liability, professional liability, construction defect, insurance coverage, and personal injury. She has represented a wide variety of both institutional and individual clients in matters involving claims ranging from several hundred dollars to claims over \$5 million.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Elisabeth was a project manager for a real estate development company in Boston, MA. This previous experience has allowed her to have first-hand knowledge of the inner working of large-scale commercial disputes and a wide range of construction related issues.

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**Representative Cases:**

- Defended general contractor client in claim involving allegations of over \$2 million damages and obtained favorable resolution at mediation.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment for realtor and broker client arising out of professional negligence claims.
- Successfully defended subcontractor clients from allegations of construction defect and obtained favorable resolution of claims.
- Successfully pursued unlicensed contractor/house flipper who failed to disclose material deficiencies in home purchase process.
- Represented both insurers and insureds in prosecuting rights and remedies available under policy language.
- Successfully defended geotechnical engineer in claim involving over \$10 million of damages in five state and federal matters, including obtaining summary judgment on contractual limitation of liability clause.

Elisabeth is licensed to practice law in Arizona, Massachusetts, California, and Colorado.

**MASELLIS, VITA**

Vita Masellis is an Associate in the Los Angeles office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Vita focuses her practice on insurance coverage, insurance defense, and general civil litigation.

Vita has nearly 20 years of experience prosecuting and defending all phases of civil matters in New York and California. Her areas of expertise include handling complex insurance coverage matters, and litigating cases involving catastrophic injury, toxic tort, construction defect, construction site accidents, products liability, premises liability, and motor vehicle accidents.

Vita received her Juris Doctor degree from the New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

In her free time, Vita enjoys painting, cooking, reading, traveling and spending time with her family.

Vita is licensed to practice law in New York and California.

**MASOG, MILES**

Miles Masog is a litigator whose practice serves clients in the construction and insurance industries. He is experienced litigating matters ranging from construction defects to insurance defense (including auto, medical

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malpractice, professional liability, general liability, employment liability, D & O, personal injury, liquor liability, cyber, errors and omissions, appellate and products liability). Miles has both arbitration and trial experience in the areas of construction defect, insurance defense, and products liability. Additionally, Miles serves both domestic and international clients with business planning and corporate transactional work. Further, Miles also serves clients with estate and tax minimization planning. He has experience with Fair Credit Reporting Act Defense and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Defense.

Miles takes an aggressive approach to resolving client issues in a timely manner and turns to litigation when necessary. He helped draft the Response Brief in the Arizona Court of Appeals construction defect case, *MT Builders v. Fisher Roofing*, which resulted in a published opinion. Additionally, he helped draft the dispositive motion that ultimately evolved into the Supreme Court case of *Yanni v. Tucker Plumbing, Inc.* He also helped defend against Plaintiffs' Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court ultimately denying Plaintiffs' Writ. Miles also drafted a portion of the Response Brief in the Arizona Court of Appeals construction defect case, *Jokake v. Elward*. Further, he has notably worked on *Okland Construction Company Inc v. Zurn Industries LLC* case, which is in its fourth appeal. Miles drafted the underlying dispositive motion and reply.

Before joining Resnick & Louis, Miles' practice was focused on civil litigation, transactional business formation, business and estate planning, and business and real estate transaction law. Previously, while in law school, he served as an Assistant District Attorney at Ventura County District Attorney's Office in California.

When he is not working, Miles donates his time to serve as an officer at one of the 30 largest charitable organizations in Arizona. Additionally, Miles spends time with his wife and three kids, and enjoys soccer, college football, amateur astronomy, and making contributions in the Phoenix community.

Miles Masog was recognized by SuperLawyers from 2014-2020. Miles is licensed to practice law in Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

**MCCATHERN, ASHLEA W.**

Ashlea W. McCathern is an Associate at the Dallas office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and focuses her practice on general civil litigation, insurance defense, first party property defense, construction defect litigation, and bodily injury defense. Prior to joining the firm, Ashlea worked for a boutique law firm specializing in commercial insurance defense. Prior to that, Ashlea worked for a plaintiff's litigation firm focusing her practice on non-subscriber litigation.

Ashlea is originally from Tyler, Texas but has called Dallas home for over 20 years. She graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and is a graduate of South Texas College of Law.

In her spare time, Ashlea enjoys hanging out with her three daughters and friends, cooking, traveling, and working out.

Ashlea is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

**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.

**MCNALLY, NICHOLAS**

Nicholas McNally is an Associate reporting to the Ontario office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Mr. McNally's areas of practice include auto and premises liability defense.

Mr. McNally has spent the past couple of years working as an associate of an insurance defense firm and gaining valuable trial experience working in the District Attorney's office for Tulare and Kern counties. Prior to becoming a licensed attorney, he spent 15 years conducting case management, negotiation, discovery and other litigation tasks a legal assistant at two local personal injury firms.

Mr. McNally attended Glendale College of Law, where he engaged in advanced practical training the pretrial practice, trial practice, and Moot Court programs.

Mr. McNally is a native Angelino, and in his free time, he plays on a Sunday baseball league and reads nonfiction. An avid volunteer, Mr. McNally regularly aids physicians on medical missions to Sinaloa, Mexico with LIGA International, Flying Doctors of Mercy and has served on the board of the nonprofit Love in the Mirror.

**MCSHANE, CHRISTOPHER M.**

Christopher M. McShane's extensive experience representing insurance companies, third-party administrators, self-insured entities, and corporations includes a strong track record in complex litigation and workers' compensation matters. He has successfully represented clients in a variety of high-stakes cases involving coverage disputes, construction defects, personal injury, workers' compensation, and other complex legal issues.

Mr. McShane's ability to navigate complex legal issues has made him a valuable asset to clients seeking legal representation in complex litigation matters. He has a deep understanding of the laws and regulations governing these types of cases, and he has developed a thorough knowledge of the legal strategies and tactics necessary to achieve successful outcomes.

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In addition to his litigation experience, Mr. McShane has also developed strong negotiation skills that he utilizes to resolve matters for the financial benefit of his clients. He knows how to effectively negotiate with opposing counsel to achieve favorable outcomes for his clients, and he is not afraid to take a case to trial if necessary.

In summary, Christopher M. McShane's experience in complex litigation and workers' compensation, combined with his deep understanding of the insurance industry and his strong negotiation skills, makes him a valuable asset to clients seeking legal representation in high-stakes matters. He has a proven track record of success in complex legal disputes, and he is dedicated to advocating for his clients' interests and achieving the best possible outcomes.

**MEEKS, BARBARA J.**

Barbara J. Meeks is a Partner in the Dallas office of Resnick & Louis, P.C., and specializes in Employment Law, Insurance Defense Litigation, Personal Injury, Family Law, Wills & Estate Planning, Contracts, and Bankruptcy.

Barbara embarked on her legal journey as a Legal Assistant at Irvin & Quinn in 1994, where she discovered her passion for law. Her career trajectory continued as she worked at Davis, Goss and Williams, eventually leading her to clerk at the Secretary of State of Mississippi and Butler Snow O'mara Stevens and Cannada, PLLC during law school. At Butler Snow, Barbara contributed to discrimination cases faced by Black Farmers. Following her clerkships, Barbara worked with various firms such as Henry Buchanan Hudson Suber and Carter in Tallahassee Florida, Stamps & Stamps, and Scott Sullivan Streetman and Fox, P.C. In 2010, she established her own firm, Meeks Law Firm, PLLC, focusing on Personal Injury, Wills and Estate Planning, and Family Law.

Barbara has served as an Administrative Law Judge for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security Commission; Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas (TAAG), and Attorney Advisor for the U.S. Government Small Business Administration.

Barbara earned her Juris Doctorate from Mississippi College in 2001 and graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from the Historical Tougaloo College in 1995. During her academic tenure, Barbara excelled academically, later receiving the prestigious Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law Award for her mentorship and contributions to students at her university. Barbara has served her community by volunteering as a judge for the Texas High School Mock Trial Competitions, hosting free legal clinics and camps for children, and participating in community service initiatives.

In addition to her legal pursuits, Barbara is actively involved in philanthropy. She founded the SENATOR HENRY J. KIRKSEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND for pre-law majors from the Mississippi Delta and participates in various legal associations such as the American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and State Bar of Mississippi.

Barbara is licensed to practice law in the United States Supreme Court (2018), Texas Supreme Court (2017), United States District Courts, Mississippi Supreme Court (2002), Tribal Court of Mississippi, and others.

In her free time, Barbara enjoys the company of her husband, Tunde, and daughters Lauren and Londyn.



**MERBER, KENNETH S.**

Kenneth S. Merber is an accomplished and battle-tested trial attorney with significant first chair experience and numerous reported jury verdicts. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, arbitration proceedings and appeals in federal and state courts. He is the Managing Partner of the New York and New Jersey offices.

Kenneth represents individuals, corporations, limited liability companies and other businesses, insurance companies, managing general agents and third-party administrators in complex business disputes. He litigates insurance defense and insurance coverage matters and defends professional liability and errors and omissions claims asserted against attorneys, accountants, architects, engineers and design professionals, real estate agents and brokers, insurance agents and brokers, physicians, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers.

Kenneth routinely and adeptly analyzes and successfully litigates complex breach of contract, RICO, ERISA, corporate law and governance and fraud claims. He defends and prosecutes EPL, D&O, labor law, contract, construction and construction defect, general liability, negligent security, product liability, commercial transportation and surety lawsuits. He was one of the team leaders who served as national defense counsel in the defense of thousands of professional liability lawsuits filed in 26 states. His aggressive and tenacious style coupled with his extensive preparation has contributed to his excellent reputation and outstanding results at pre-trial proceedings, mediations, arbitrations, trials, both jury and non-jury, and appeals. Kenneth was elected by his peers as a Super Lawyer, an honor only bestowed upon the top 5% of trial attorneys. He is rated as a Distinguished Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.

Kenneth has spoken publicly and given Continuing Legal Education (CLE) lectures for the New York State Bar Association and Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) on subjects including employment practices and litigation, product liability claims, construction law and construction defect claims, insurance coverage and the complexities of Article 50-b of New York's Civil Practice Laws and Rules (CPLR) as it relates to the reduction of substantial verdicts to present value and post-trial proceedings related to jury verdicts. Kenneth has authored articles published by Law 360 and The New York Law Journal. He has been invited to participate in numerous mock trials and in 2016 was a finalist in Magna Legal's CHOPPED for CHOP event after competing against some of the best trial attorneys in the United States.

Kenneth has won jury trials in many complex lawsuits including, but not limited to, professional liability, labor law, premises liability, motor vehicle accident and general liability cases. He has also successfully prosecuted and defended insurance coverage lawsuits and declaratory judgment actions obtaining substantial recoveries of litigation costs and expenses including attorneys' fees incurred by his clients from other insurers.

Kenneth received his Juris Doctor degree from The George Washington University, National Law Center in 1989. This was preceded by a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1986.

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While in law school, he served as a member of the Moot Court Board Honor Society and was elected President of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. Kenneth served as a Judicial Intern for the Honorable Eric G. Bruggink at the United States Claims Court in Washington, D.C. Following his graduation from law school, he has been a partner at prominent law firms in New York City and New Jersey.

Kenneth is admitted to practice before the courts of the states of New York, New Jersey and Florida, the District of Columbia, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey. He is admitted to and has argued appeals in the Second and Third Circuits of the United States Court of Appeals and the First and Second Departments of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

When not working, Kenneth is an avid competitive softball player. He enjoys golf, skydiving, traveling and spending time with his wife, Sherry, and their two sons. He and his wife donate their time to charitable events including fundraising for breast cancer, rare pediatric cancers and a cure for Parkinson's Disease. Kenneth is an animal lover who has three rescue dogs.

#### **MILLS, RHONDA**

Rhonda Mills is a Partner in the San Antonio office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in insurance coverage, bad faith, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, wrongful death actions, premises liability, and dram shop construction defect liability actions. Rhonda's experience includes the analysis and litigation of complex insurance coverage issues, including EPLI and Personal Injury/Advertising Injury issues involving both personal lines and commercial lines. Her practice also involves representing insurance companies in defense of complex bad faith claims. Rhonda also has significant experience in handling oil and gas matters, employment related litigation and human resource management, as well as wills, trusts and probate litigation.

Prior to graduating from law school, Rhonda received her bachelor's degree in economics from Trinity University in San Antonio. Rhonda has handled appellate cases resulting in three published opinions establishing legal precedent in the area of expert testimony.

Rhonda enjoys entrepreneurial endeavors in the energy sector, extensive travel, the works of Edgar Allan Poe, and is an avid football enthusiast. She also champions animal causes and conservation organizations.

Rhonda is licensed to practice law in California and Texas.

#### **MITCHELL, TERENCE**

Terrence Mitchell is an Associate Attorney whose practice is concentrated in civil litigation with a primary focus in the areas of labor and employment law and general liability matters.

Terrence was born in Newark, New Jersey and raised in East Orange, New Jersey. Terrence attended Rutgers

University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Mr. Mitchell earned his Juris Doctorate in 2018 from Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law. During law school, Terrence interned at the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, DC where he was responsible for researching topics including unfair labor practices and assisting the regional field offices with compliance related matters. Terrence was Vice-President of the Black Law Students Association, received the Best Oral Advocate Award, and served as a Student Ambassador. Since graduating, Terrence has been named to the National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 and was selected as a New Jersey Rising Star by Super Lawyers in 2023.

Terrence is admitted to practice before the courts of the state of New Jersey, as well as the District Court of New Jersey.

### **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.

Brian 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 ANN**

Caroline Ann Molloy is an experienced and well-respected trial attorney with more than 20 years of extensive knowledge in civil litigation. She focuses her practice primarily on automobile and personal injury litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, she owned her own law firm representing multiple clients in complex civil litigation, including complex business litigation, insurance bad faith and coverage, and catastrophic personal injury. Ms. Molloy has successfully used her defense and insurance expertise to resolve cases within insurance policy limits on many occasions. In addition, Caroline has handled employment, legal and medical malpractice, family custody and support cases, elder abuse, sexual assault, products liability, and business disputes since 1998. She has tried several cases successfully on behalf of defendants resulting in defense verdicts and favorable settlements.

On the personal side, Ms. Molloy is a Southern California native, who while in high school performed as Mickey

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Mouse at Disneyland in the parades. She graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1995 with honors with a degree in Law & Society and an emphasis in Environmental Studies. She received her law degree from University of Denver College of Law in 1998, where she graduated fourth in her class. After practicing for three years in Colorado as a defense lawyer at an international law firm, Caroline returned to her native California.

Caroline is a lifetime member and past Board Member of the Orange County Women Lawyers Association and a member of the Orange County Celtic Bar Association.

Caroline is licensed to practice law in California and Colorado.

### **MORGAN, LANITA**

Lanita Morgan is a Partner in the San Antonio office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in products liability, insurance defense, insurance coverage, premises liability, breach of warranty claims in transportation, environment, contaminants and toxic tort, business torts, commercial litigation, and organizational misconduct. Lanita also has significant experience in handling the investigation and litigation of complex employment law matters, representing both private and public sector clients regarding Title VII, The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age and Employment Discrimination Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Lanita has extensive experience in state and federal courts across the country. In addition, Lanita has a breadth of experience managing complex civil litigation and extensive trial dockets throughout the state of Texas. She has represented corporate clients in complex litigation, including but not limited to, personal injury, products liability, environmental and commercial disputes including breach of contract, corporate fraud, promissory estoppel, misappropriation of trade secrets, and tortious interference.

Lanita's experience further includes all phases of litigation, including discovery, depositions, dispositive and pre-trial motions, pleadings, mediations, voir dire, and first and second chair at jury trials. Lanita served as the lead associate for two consecutive month-long trials in North Carolina federal court, which rendered favorable defense verdicts in a multimillion-dollar case. In addition, Lanita obtained a favorable settlement to client after mediation involving breach of covenant non-compete clause. Further, Lanita served as second chair at a jury trial for a multi-plaintiff multimillion-dollar case in Cook County, Illinois.

Prior to graduating from law school, Lanita served as the President of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Society and was on the Dean's List. Prior to attending law school, Lanita served in the United States Navy and was stationed in Sasebo, Japan and Norfolk, Virginia.

Lanita enjoys biking, running, yoga, reading, traveling internationally, cooking, and volunteering her time serving as an Executive Board Director for The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program, in addition to Austin Street Shelter

and Second Saturday.

Lanita is licensed to practice in the state of Texas.

**MOSES, THOMAS J.**

Thomas J. Moses is an Associate in the Dallas office of Resnick & Louis, PC. Thomas has been an insurance defense attorney for almost five decades, and over the course of his long career has garnered significant experience from his handling and involvement in litigating cases involving personal injury, premises liability, insurance coverage, toxic tort, professional malpractice, general liability, first party property and auto, wrongful death/catastrophic injury, Stowers, bad faith and DTPA claims, first-party homeowner's litigation, UM/UIM matters, and commercial litigation. He has also defended doctors, lawyers, and dentists in grievances before their various disciplinary boards, and has prepared and successfully argued numerous law & motion matters, as well as writs and appeals.

Thomas was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana but relocated at an early age to Long Beach, California. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1981 from California State University, Long Beach; upon graduation, he was also accorded membership in the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. He then received his Juris Doctor degree in 1984 from McGeorge School of Law/University of the Pacific in Sacramento, California; as he graduated in the top ten percent of his class, Thomas earned membership in the Order of the Coif honor society. While in law school, Thomas contributed an article published in the school's law journal, the Pacific Law Review, and was a member of the review's Editorial Board.

Thomas became licensed to practice law in the State of Texas when he moved here in 1995 and has remained in active status since then.

**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.

### **NIETO, LORENZO, JR.**

Lorenzo Nieto Jr. is a Partner in the El Paso office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and his practice is focused on insurance defense, representing clients in Texas. Lorenzo has handled first party property defense, third party and first party bodily injury defense, and premises liability defense matters in Texas. Lorenzo has also handled electric utility regulatory matters, as well as OSHA investigatory claims, before administrative boards and agencies in Texas and New Mexico, and he has served as in-house counsel to a publicly traded electric utility in Texas.

Working as Field Counsel for two preeminent insurance carriers, Lorenzo has been involved in defending hundreds of litigated cases involving insurance defense, auto liability and premises liability matters and seeks to leverage that experience to help the firm and its clients meet their goals.

Lorenzo received his Baccalaureate degree in Political Science from the University of Texas at El Paso, and he received his law degree from the St. Mary's University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in the states of Texas and New Mexico.

### **NIKHMAN, ROMAN**

Roman Nikhman is an Associate in the Las Vegas office of Resnick & Louis PC. Roman focuses his practice in all aspects of civil litigation, including high-exposure business disputes, construction defects, products liability, insurance defense, healthcare defense and catastrophic personal injury. Roman has advised Fortune 500 companies, including national homebuilders, developers, and healthcare conglomerates. Likewise, Roman has extensive experience in antitrust law and intellectual property prosecution, including being lead trial counsel in a Federal District Court case in the Southern District of Florida. Prior to practicing law, Roman worked in the high-paced hedge fund information technology sector, as well as owning and operating successful startups in New York City. Roman brings his business acumen and hands-on experience to his clients with a practical results-oriented approach to litigation.

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

### **OGLESBY, THOMAS**

Thomas Oglesby is a Partner in the Miami office of Resnick & Louis, P.C., where he focuses on construction law and complex business litigation, products liability, insurance disputes, intellectual property, and immigration law.

Thomas's construction law experience includes representing architects, engineers, developers, general contractors, and contractors in a variety of cases, ranging from condominium association section 558 and construction defect claims in large multi-family condominium developments, defect and delay claims involving large commercial and government building construction, environmental contamination claims, professional negligence claims against

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architects and/or engineers, enforcing and defending construction liens, and defending catastrophic loss claims arising out of natural weather events and natural gas explosions.

His immigration experience includes business immigration, such as filing applications for H1B and Investment Visas and conducting I-9 audits for compliance with federal employment authorization verification requirements, and several years defending complex deportation and asylum cases in immigration court, as well as some human rights practice at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Thomas previously worked in the Mass Litigation Department of a large Miami firm, where he defended a large insurance carrier in a large fee schedule language dispute case estimated at more than \$500,000,000 between 2011 and 2015. Between 2015 and 2016, Thomas served as the Executive Director for Hear Congo, where he successfully assisted the organization in securing contracts with local mining partners and the Ministries of Mining and Justice, to open Hear Congo's second and third educational centers for victims of gender violence in Goma, Katanga Province, and Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Additionally, Thomas has served as a member of the Florida Foster Care Citizens Review Panel Member, reviewing dependency cases in Miami-Dade County and has served the South Florida community working pro bono to represent grandparents in dependency cases where their grandchildren are in foster care.

Thomas received his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and served as an Editor on the University of Miami Law Review. While in law school, Thomas completed two H.O.P.E. public interest summer fellowships where he worked closely with Kristi House, drafting and advocating for the 2012 Minor Sex Trafficking Safe Harbor Bill as a member of the Governor's ad hoc Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Committee, and with the Hotel Rwanda foundation to research and draft a proposal for a regional truth and reconciliation commission for the African Great Lakes Region. Thomas was also a member of the University of Miami Immigration Clinic for two years and served as the Clinic Fellow during his second year, where he worked closely with faculty and students on complex immigration defense and asylum cases.

Prior to law school Thomas worked in the medical industry for over fifteen years, including two years at the University of Miami's Department of Psychiatry, where he studied HIV incidence among IV drug users, two years as the principal investigator in Miami on a national study of designer drug abuse in night clubs and discotheques that was jointly funded by NIMH and NIDA. He also worked for four years at Jackson Memorial Hospital as a paramedic, and eight years as orthopedic surgical consultant for one of the top five orthopedic reconstruction and trauma companies in the U.S. and Europe. Thomas completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Miami, where he studied psychology and music, with minors in chemistry and biology.

### **OQUENDO, KRISTINE**

Kristine Oquendo is an Associate at the Ontario office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Prior to joining the firm, Kristine worked as in-house counsel specializing in workers' compensation for a major insurance carrier. She then

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transferred to the private sector and continued defense work, representing insurance carriers and employers before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board throughout the State of California.

Before practicing law, Kristine worked at various hospitals in Southern California as a registered nurse. She has work experience in medical-surgical unit, cardiac telemetry unit, wound clinic, and intensive care unit.

Kristine is licensed to practice law in the State of California.

#### **OVERLID, ERIK R.**

Erik R. Overlid is a Partner who splits his time between the Los Angeles office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and anchoring the firm's footprint in the Midwest. Erik's practice focuses primarily on General Liability, Construction, Public Entity, and Insurance Coverage matters. Despite this focus, Erik has also developed a reputation among his clients as being the attorney they can trust to "figure it out" when they have an issue that does not fit any of the ordinary molds. This has led to a breadth of experience, including the successful handling of matters involving cemetery and funeral home liability, wild animal bites, aviation crashes, tribal court actions, civil harassment, defamation, employment issues, private security liability, California Prop. 65 compliance, sport and recreational injuries, and false advertising/unfair trade practices claims.

In keeping with his professional roots in Los Angeles, Erik has also represented and advised clients in the entertainment industry – including recording artists, actors, and skilled artisans – in contract negotiations, litigation, and even navigating the complex rules that regulate the importation of exotic materials for their work. While his own artistic skill is limited, to put it mildly, helping truly talented individuals make their vision a reality is among the most rewarding work Erik has done.

Erik is admitted to practice in the states of California, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

#### **PACHECO, A. ROMAN**

A. Roman Pacheco is an attorney in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where he practices primarily in commercial litigation and as an insurance defense attorney, with extensive experience in civil litigation of personal injury claims, premises liability claims, commercial litigation claims including trucking and company vehicle incidents. Prior to moving to Orange County in 2018, Roman practiced in Las Vegas, Nevada primarily as a civil litigator focusing on commercial law and construction/design defect matters.

Roman, originally from Colorado, attended Temple University in Philadelphia where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Roman received his Juris Doctor from University of Southern California School of Law.

When he has the opportunity, Roman enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is an avid outdoorsman



participating in a variety of outdoor activities, camping, backpacking, and fishing.

Roman is licensed to practice law in the states of California and Nevada.

**PALMER, JENNIFER M.**

Jennifer M. Palmer is Of Counsel in the Denver office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where her areas of focus are insurance coverage and litigation. Jen has over 25 years' experience defending all types of first party property and coverage claims, as well as bad faith, automobile liability, SIU insurance fraud defense, and premises liability claims.

After graduating law school, Jen clerked at the New York State Court of Appeals (New York's highest tribunal). She next clerked for Judge Howard Kirshbaum of the Colorado Supreme Court. Additionally, she practiced commercial and bad faith litigation at a regional firm in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Jen then joined a mid-size defense litigation firm in Denver, where she later became a Partner and responsible for managing the firm's largest client. Jen joined Resnick & Louis in 2014.

Jen enjoys cross-country skiing, hiking, baking and volunteer work with her church. She is married to Mick Jackowski and has two daughters.

Jen is licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado. She has an AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

**PARK, SUE**

Sue Park is a Partner in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive experience handling complex litigation, including construction defect disputes, construction litigation, professional liability, general liability, business litigation, employment litigation, and personal injury defense in state and federal courts. She is also experienced in bankruptcy and class action litigation.

Sue graduated from Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law, where she received her Juris Doctorate with an emphasis in environmental, land use, and real estate law. She also served as an extern for the Honorable John E. Ryan (Ret.) and the Honorable John J. Wilson (Ret.) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

**PASCOE, WILLIAM**

William Pascoe has been trying cases since 1987. He has tried multiple high value, high exposure cases involving head injuries, traumatic burns and multiple injuries with long term losses and economic damages. He has focused his energy on defending serious injury cases and employment cases which have involved a myriad of claims and

causes of action.

Mr. Pascoe has co-tried and successfully defended a serious head injury case with injuries and medical expenses of \$500,000.00 per year. The plaintiff in the case was in a state of permanent coma with brain activity of 1/15 on the Glasgow coma scale. After a day of deliberations, the jury reached a defense verdict for the defendant.

Mr. Pascoe has also tried numerous employment cases with various allegations of misconduct, including wage and hour violations, sexual harassment, hostile environment and wrongful termination, age discrimination and race discrimination. Of those cases taken to trial, Mr. Pascoe and his clients have received favorable verdicts in ninety-five percent of the cases taken to trial.

In addition to trying over fifty jury trials, Mr. Pascoe has been lead counsel in hundreds of other matters, including mediations, arbitrations and bench trials. Mr. Pascoe has experience in working with attorneys who are very contentious in some cases, and highly skilled and challenging counsel in other cases. When the situation presents difficult or challenging personalities to address, Mr. Pascoe has the personal and communication skills to deal with even the most difficult personalities.

Mr. Pascoe has handled case loads of up to 70 contested cases, which he handled while working as an in-house attorney with an insurance company. In that position, the attorneys were expected to try ten jury trials per year.

Mr. Pascoe has handled wrongful death cases, maritime cases, products liability cases, cases representing defense contractors, and cases with minor plaintiffs. Mr. Pascoe has handled numerous cases involving assault and battery, intentional injury and gross misconduct. Mr. Pascoe has an easygoing, affable character, which is countered by a fierce competitive nature that manifests itself once a trial or hearing has commenced.

When not working, Mr. Pascoe enjoys racing sailboats on an international level, snow skiing, travel, cooking, trying new cuisines and going to the gym. With two grown children, Mr. Pascoe uses his down time to walk with his daughter and enjoy the San Diego Padres games with his son.

William is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **PAYNE, RHONDA**

Rhonda is an Associate Attorney at the Houston office and focuses her practice on insurance defense. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Rhonda served for over 13 years as General Counsel to a Discount Medical Plan Organization (DMPO).

Rhonda received her Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern University and her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she served as a member of the Moot Court Board.

Outside of work, Rhonda enjoys spending time with her three daughters.

Rhonda is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

**PERRY, AMANDA L.**

Amanda L. Perry is an Associate in the Charleston office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. after relocating from New York to South Carolina in 2021. Amanda has concentrated her practice on civil litigation defense in areas including Labor Law, medical malpractice, other professional liability, D & O liability, commercial litigation, premises liability, construction defects, property damage, products liability, and insurance defense.

In her free time, Amanda enjoys playing golf and volunteering with First Tee of Greater Charleston. She created a mock trial curriculum for children in First Tee's Game Changers Immersion Program.

Amanda earned her Bachelor of Arts from Villanova University and her Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law. Amanda is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of New York and South Carolina.

**PHILLIPS, MARK C.**

Mark C. Phillips is a Partner in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive experience in all levels of analysis and litigation involving first- and third-party insurance coverage (including personal and commercial lines), extra-contractual liability, SIU/EUOs, construction defect, catastrophic personal injury, professional liability, premises liability, product liability, trucking, employment, and business litigation matters, including trials, appeals, mediations, and arbitrations. Additionally, he has drafted a variety of transactional documents and provided advice for corporate clients.

While in law school, Mark was a law review editor as well as an honors instructor in research and writing. Prior to law school, Mark was a university instructor and established a latchkey program for 500 teens in his community.

As a former claims counsel at a major liability insurer, Mark has given workshops on claims handling, best practices, and emerging legal topics to the insurance industry. He has published law review articles and white papers on a variety of California law matters. He is rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbel. He served previously as a Temporary Judge hearing small claims appeals. His representative case is *Alex R. Thomas v. Mutual Insurance Company*, 98 Cal.App.4th 66 (2002) – finding of no coverage for a first-party property loss claim. Mark is a third-generation Californian and native of Los Angeles. He likes to travel, read, and write, is an amateur ham radio operator, and is active in several community organizations.

Mark is licensed to practice in California.

**PICHARDO, OLIVER R.**

Oliver R. Pichardo is an Associate in the Orlando office of Resnick & Louis. He focuses his practice in the areas of general liability, construction defect, first party property, insurance fraud claims, and insurance coverage disputes. Prior to becoming an attorney at Resnick & Louis, he practiced and handled matters involving personal injury protection (PIP) claims, investigations involving suspicious losses in automobile claims, staged accidents, medical recovery actions, and bad faith litigation.

Mr. Pichardo earned his Juris Doctor from Barry University School of Law, Orlando, Florida in May 2020 and a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Central Florida in December 2016. While in law school, he clerked at the Immigrants' Rights Center assisting with petitions for asylum and preparing motions for the Orlando Immigration Court.

Mr. Pichardo is licensed to practice law in Florida and is fluent in Spanish.

**PLEAU, ELYSE K.**

Elyse K. Pleau is a civil litigator with a focus on personal injury defense. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, she worked in-house for a large Insurance Company, defending first and third party personal injury auto cases. Prior to working in-house, she worked at two insurance defense law firms handling habitability, premises liability, and HOA cases.

Elyse graduated from Southwest Baptist University in Missouri with a B.S. in Political Science. After graduating college, she completed an internship at a political think tank in Washington D.C. Realizing she was interested in pursuing a legal career, she attended Liberty University School of Law in Virginia and graduated in 2013. Elyse is licensed to practice in California and North Carolina. Elyse is excited about our practice areas and eager to defend our clients.

When she's not working, Elyse enjoys spending time with her husband, hiking with her Bernese Mountain Dog named Kelsey, and spending time with her church family.

Elyse is licensed to practice in California and North Carolina.

**PLESHCHITSKAYA, KHAYA**

Khaya is an Associate Attorney practicing in the Northern California area and Sacramento office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and focuses her practice on insurance defense. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Khaya practiced insurance defense with primary focus on construction defects disputes.

Khaya is a foreign educated attorney. Her more than 12 years professional career in Russia was focused on real

estate transactions and real estate planning. After moving to the U.S. in 2021, she graduated the LLM program at Golden Gate University School of Law with a concentration in real estate and development law.

Khaya is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **POPE, CASEY**

Casey Pope is an Associate at the Orange County office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and focuses his practice on construction defect litigation, general civil litigation, and insurance defense. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, he spent fourteen years practicing in the areas of construction defect claims, personal injury claims, and insurance defense. Casey has successfully resolved a number of civil lawsuits via dismissals or settlements on behalf of his clients.

Casey received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from San Diego State University, and obtained his Juris Doctor degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego. While in law school, he was awarded the California Western Pro Bono award and the California State Bar Pro Bono Award.

### **PROBST, KARI**

Kari Probst is a Partner and team member of Resnick Louis' Ontario office. She has over 25 years of experience as a civil litigator and has successfully litigated a wide variety of matters from pre-litigation through trial, including complex cases and multi-party, non-class action cases involving over 150 plaintiffs. Her experience includes premises liability, construction, landlord tenant, auto liability, catastrophic injury, wrongful death, subrogation fire and water loss, discrimination in employment and housing, public entity defense, nuisance, dangerous condition, constitutional law including inverse condemnation, false arrest, unlawful detention and imprisonment, and other matters. Ms. Probst began working in law offices as a teen and gathered 10 years of experience before being sworn in as an attorney. Ms. Probst is admitted to practice in California's State and Federal Courts, including the Ninth Circuit and United States District Courts, Central, Southern, Eastern, and Northern Districts. Ms. Probst enjoys the law and representing her clients professionally, efficiently, and economically. She offers a breadth of experience and understanding of claims, defenses, alternative dispute resolution, and trial. In her time away from her desk, she enjoys time with her family, good food, exercise, and athletics.

Ms. Probst received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of California Irvine, School of Social Ecology, in Pre-law—Criminology, Law, and Society. She completed her law degree in less than two years at Southwestern University School of Law in downtown Los Angeles, the SCALE Program—Southwestern's Conceptual Approach to Legal Education. Ms. Probst was a Who's Who in American Law Students during her two years and an Intramural Moot Court Brief Writer Finalist. Ms. Probst had the good fortune of being in law school during the O.J. Simpson Trial. The trial was actively used as an educational tool, including simulations and brief writing, and classes were taught by attorneys involved in the case. It was an invaluable experience in the nuances of law and procedure,

lawyers, and media, in real time, through verdict. Throughout her later years of high school and college, Ms. Probst worked as a secretary and law clerk in law offices, including a clerkship in the Orange County County Counsel's Office, Probate and Mental Health Conservatorship Departments.

### **PROCTOR, KALYNNE**

Kalynne Proctor is an Associate in the Fort Lauderdale office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. who practices in the areas of construction defect and other construction related litigation, first party property litigation, and other complex commercial litigation. Her practice also involves the representation of insurance companies in the analysis and litigation of complex insurance coverage issues.

Kalynne was named to *The Best Lawyers in America "Ones to Watch"* list in Construction Law (2022). Kalynne has significant experience representing contractors, subcontractors, and various design professionals in various aspects of construction litigation. Kalynne's extensive representation of clients in the construction industry involve successfully defending against construction defect and workmanship issues, delay and other schedule related claims, payments disputes, and breach of contract.

Prior to graduating from law school, Kalynne was the Managing Editor for the Cleveland State Law Review where her law review article entitled "*In the "Best Interests" of the Disabled: Legislating Morality and the Power to Initiate Support Orders for Disabled Adults in Ohio*", was published. In addition, prior to graduating from law school, Kalynne also received the *CALI Excellence for the Future Award* in Civil Litigation.

Kalynne enjoys screenwriting and acting, outside of practicing law, as well as competitive sports based on her former experience as a Division I college athlete in basketball.

Kalynne is licensed to practice law in Florida and Ohio.

### **RANDOLPH, JANE**

Jane is a Partner at the Burbank office of Resnick & Louis P.C. She is a senior litigation attorney with over 31 years of diverse civil litigation experience. She has extensive expertise in handling premises liability, product liability, personal injury, automobile collisions, commercial and residential lease liability, professional liability, and construction defect matters. Jane also has extensive experience in defending law enforcement entities, including the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles Police Department. In addition to having tried cases in both state and federal courts, she has argued before appellate courts. She has also achieved success at trial when Plaintiffs obtained jury verdicts that fell below statutory settlement offers made by the defense, often resulting in recovery of costs for clients. Jane honed her trial skills at a weeklong intensive National Institute for Trial Advocacy course. She has also participated in over 400 successful mediations.

Jane is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

**RASCATI, RUSSELL D.**

Russell D. Rascati is an Associate in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis P.C. Originally from Maine, Russell obtained a B.A. in History from the University of Southern Maine and his Juris Doctor from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. While in law school Russell worked as an intern with the San Diego Public Defenders Office. Previous experience also includes working as a consumer attorney litigating claims under the Song Beverly Act and representing employers and insurance carriers in California's Workers Compensation system.

In his spare time, he enjoys fishing for striped bass, sailing, and spending time with his family.

Russell is licensed to practice law in the state of California, Central District of California, and Eastern District of California.

**RESNICK, MITCHELL J.**

Mitch is co-founder of Resnick & Louis, P.C., a renowned name in insurance defense litigation, including specialty lines, construction defect litigation, professional liability, bodily injury, transportation (auto/trucking/rental car), life & disability litigation, employment law, insurance coverage, first party property (including appraisals), and damage claims.

Mitch additionally focuses his practice on commercial litigation, regulatory/administrative, real estate, landlord/tenant, hospitality (hotel/resort/timeshare/casino), surety, premises, security, workers compensation, construction injury and delay, contracts, public entity, personal and advertising injury, products liability, general liability, and environmental matters.

Mitch was previously named as one of the top Arizona construction law attorneys with Southwest Super Lawyers and has been a featured speaker at different seminars around the country regarding construction related litigation. Mitch represents clients in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Colorado. Mitch has been the primary responsible attorney on multi-million dollar cases, which have been brought before state and federal trial courts, and through the alternative dispute resolution process in mediation and arbitration.

Mitch is licensed to practice law in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Jersey, and New York.

**RICE, KIMBERLY**

Kimberly Rice is an Associate in the San Diego office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has comprehensive litigation experience in insurance defense focusing on Medical Malpractice, premises liability, and personal injury. Kimberly's experience includes litigating complex catastrophic injury claims and wrongful death cases. Her practice also includes Law & Motion.

Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C., Kimberly worked for a nationwide firm specializing in complex securities litigation as a Discovery Attorney. She has also worked for several well-respected insurance defense firms that specialize in Medical Malpractice Defense.

Prior to graduating from law school, Kimberly was a legal intern for the Office of the City Attorney San Diego, in the Government Affairs and Finance Section and the Labor and Employment section. During her internship, she created content for a City Employee Social Media Handbook. As a law student, Kimberly was also heavily involved in the American Bar Association's (ABA) Section of Science and Technology in the following roles as a Member of the Membership and Diversity Committee, Co-Chair- Membership and Diversity Committee, Chair- Social Networking Committee, and Vice-Chair- Social Networking Committee. As a second-year law student she published the article "The Risky Business of Social Recruiting" for the SciTech Lawyer magazine. As a Membership Advocate for the ABA, she also provided feedback for media and social media campaigns.

Before entering the legal profession, Kimberly was a Broadcast Journalist and still enjoys writing blogs or doing voice over work as a member of SAG-AFTRA. When she is away from the office, she enjoys participating in community service projects as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is also a football fan and is enthusiastic about her favorite teams: the Dallas Cowboys and the Kansas City Chiefs. Her favorite place to relax on weekends is the beach in Santa Monica, while reading autobiographies or watching documentaries.

Kimberly is licensed to practice law in California.

#### **ROBERTS, JASON S.**

Jason S. Roberts is a Partner in the Riverside/Ontario office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Jason is an experienced trial attorney having obtained successful results for his clients in litigated disputes for over 20 years. Jason primarily practices in the areas of general liability, real estate, intellectual property, construction defect, commercial litigation, class actions, landlord tenant, products liability and catastrophic injury. Jason also has extensive federal litigation experience handling Fair Credit Reporting Act, ERISA and Section 1983 matters on behalf of Fortune 500 clients and municipalities in cases venued throughout the country. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C., Jason spent 16 years as a trial attorney and partner in a prominent insurance defense firm in Irvine.

Jason received his Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University, Bloomington, where he double majored in Political Science and History, and his Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

In his free time, Jason enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters. He enjoys coaching soccer, making and drinking wine, any/all outdoor activities and restoring classic cars and motorcycles.

Jason is licensed to practice law in the states of California and Indiana and is admitted to all of the United States District Courts for California and Indiana, the Northern District of Illinois and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.



**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 and Colorado.

**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.

## **ROSE, JASON**

Jason Rose is an Associate in the Houston office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience. Jason's practice areas primarily focus on insurance defense litigation that encompasses insurance coverage disputes, first-party bad faith claims, personal injury, premises liability, product liability, and consumer law. He is also involved in pre-litigation matters such as investigation of suspicious insurance claims, and he conducts examinations under oath on claims arising out of staged vehicular accidents, homeowner's property damage, personal property theft, and automobile theft.

Clients have turned to Jason for his skill in assessing both their risk of exposure to liability and the likelihood of early case settlement. He represented clients in mediation and arbitration where Jason has obtained favorable settlements. Adept at Texas motion practice, Jason has prepared and argued motions in all phases of litigation—pretrial, trial, post-judgment, and appeals—and has secured dismissals on dispositive grounds.

Jason's favorable case resolutions include confirming an arbitration award in a breach of commercial contract dispute on behalf of a client that rents moving equipment and vehicles. After confirming the award, he successfully collected the full judgment amount from the judgment-debtor. He also obtained a voluntary dismissal of negligence claims brought against an insured of an auto liability insurance company. Plaintiff sought to recover damages up to \$1,000,000. In another matter, Jason secured declaratory relief for an insurance company that affirmed its denial of liability coverage to a policyholder.

Jason enjoys traveling abroad, immersing himself in the culture, cuisine and history of each new place. He is an avid snow skier, swimmer, and enjoys rollerblading—weather permitting.

Jason is licensed to practice in the state of Texas.

## **ROSSOMONDO, NITTAYA**

Ms. Rossomondo has more than 5 years of experience representing clients in complex litigation and insurance defense matters, covering a wide range of legal matters such as personal injury, automotive liability, premises liability, and contractual issues.

Ms. Rossomondo served as the Associate General Counsel for a national insurance carrier, where she played a pivotal role in the defense of the company in first-party property cases. Her responsibilities included drafting pleadings, responding to discovery requests, preparing motions, negotiating settlements, and conducting depositions of Plaintiffs. Additionally, she provided defense for various clients, including corporate representatives and adjusters, in personal injury and premises liability cases.

During her tenure as an Assistant Public Defender at the Office of the Public Defender in Panama City, Ms.

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Rossomondo demonstrated her commitment to defending clients in criminal cases. Her comprehensive defense work encompassed every aspect of criminal proceedings, from probable cause hearings, arraignments, plea negotiations, motion practice, to jury trials. She excelled in managing heavy caseloads and effectively multitasking while prioritizing issues as they arose.

Ms. Rossomondo is an alumna of Florida State University, where she earned her Juris Doctor in 2004 and her Bachelor of Science in 2000, majoring in criminology.

She is licensed to practice law in Florida.

#### **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.

#### **SCHALL, ANTHONY D.**

Anthony is an Associate in the Miami office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and focuses his practice on civil and construction litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Anthony gained experience at insurance defense firms in Miami where he handled a variety of lawsuits arising from third-party and first-party claims throughout the state of Florida. In his third-party practice, Anthony has primarily defended homeowners, businesses, and corporations in premises liability matters.

Anthony grew up in the Washington, D.C. area and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyon College in 2004, and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 2011. While in law school, Anthony gained experience as a Certified Legal Intern in the Juvenile Division of the Miami Dade Public Defender's Office.

Anthony is licensed to practice in the state of Florida and is admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

#### **SCHOTTER, RYAN C.**

Ryan C. Schotter is an Associate in the Albuquerque Office of Resnick & Louis, P.C., where he practices principally in the areas of construction litigation, insurance defense, and professional malpractice. Before joining Resnick and

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Louis, P.C., Ryan practiced at an Albuquerque law firm where he represented individual and organizational clients in disputes before New Mexico courts and regulatory agencies. Ryan has also worked as trial attorney in New Mexico's Law Office of the Public Defender and as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office.

Ryan grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico and attended the University of New Mexico, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Ryan received his Juris Doctor from the University of New Mexico School of Law, where he graduated magna cum laude and served as the Managing Editor of the New Mexico Law Review.

Ryan spends his free time running and participating in local races. Ryan also enjoys pilates, swimming, cycling, and generally being active. Ryan has an interest in astronomy and believes New Mexico red and green chile is good on everything.

#### **SCHREIBER, JOHN J.**

John J. Schreiber is a Partner in the Orlando office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. who practices in the areas of automobile liability, premises liability, bodily injury defense, real estate, and other litigation matters. John has handled complex construct defect matters and has extensive experience in representing insurance companies. John is also an effective negotiator and has been successful in resolving numerous complex matters for the benefit of his clients.

John attended Pace University School of Law, in White Plains, New York and was admitted to the New York Bar in 2004. Prior to moving to Florida in 2007, he practiced law in New York, focusing on medical malpractice and automobile liability defense.

John is licensed to practice law in Florida, New York and New Jersey.

#### **SEIGLER, HEATHER N.**

Heather N. Seigler is a Partner in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in insurance defense, including car accidents, premises liability, wrongful death, products liability, tractor-trailer accidents, first party cases such as uninsured/underinsured motorist cases and alleged abuse cases. Heather's experience includes the analysis and litigation of complex injury cases, including catastrophic injury.

Before joining Resnick & Louis, Heather gained valuable experience working in-house for an insurance company where she successfully tried 7 cases to verdict, all with positive outcomes for her clients. Heather was named Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2016 at her firm. She then honed her craft working as panel counsel for a number of insurance companies, self-insured companies, major trucking companies, and several fortune 500 grocery chains.

While there, Heather tried an alleged multi-million-dollar trial involving an amputated limb and alleged complex

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regional pain syndrome which included numerous experts and several weeks of trial. Again, Heather received a verdict that was a positive outcome for her clients. Heather then took an opportunity to work on the plaintiff side where she gained valuable experience learning from the “other side” and taking numerous expert and treating doctor depositions. She quickly grew to learn that plaintiff’s side work was less rewarding. Prior to beginning litigation work, Heather spent her first two years as a member of the bar working in academia as an Academic Support Fellow and Adjunct Professor at Whittier Law School. Through the duration of her career Heather has continued to have a passion for education and has taught dozens of MCLE courses on various aspects of litigation including People v. Sanchez, Voir Dire, wrongful death cases, hip injuries from car accidents, bad faith, and elimination of bias.

Prior to graduating from law school, Heather received her B.A. in English with a concentration in Creative Writing from Columbia University in 2007. While there she received the Class of 1939 Scholarship and participated in Varsity Softball. She then went on to earn the Dean’s Merit Scholarship and received her J.D. from Whittier Law School, with Certificate in Legal Writing magna cum laude in 2011. She was an Associate Editor of Law Review and also a member of the Public Interest Law Foundation. She also worked as a teacher’s assistant in Contracts, Torts, Civil Procedure, and Criminal Law, all while working off campus in retail. She published an article within At Issue: Medical Malpractice with Gale Academic OneFile. She also successfully published The People v. Indiana Lumbermens, Mutual Insurance Company, Case No. E050297 (CA Dist. 4 Ct. App., Div. 2, Apr. 7, 2011) via a Request for Publication during an externship with the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office. She also took part in the prestigious Los Angeles Superior Court Summer Judicial Extern Program under the Honorable Mark Borenstein.

When Heather is not working, she enjoys hiking the Back Bay in Newport Beach, cycling, snowboarding, audiobooks, her three cats Babou, Eleanor, and Kahlua, her Standard Poodle Lana, Sci-Fi, Maui, trying new foods, and traveling. She is also a member of the Riverside Bar Association, Orange County Bar Association, San Bernardino Bar Association, Western San Bernardino Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

Heather is licensed to practice in California.

**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.

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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)

Mark is also active in community and civic affairs and has served on the Boards of the Hospice Community Foundation of New Orleans, the Lafitte Economic Development Corporation and the Small Business Services Committee, Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce.

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.

He has been admitted to practice by comity or pro hac vice and tried, mediated, and arbitrated cases in either Federal or State Courts in California, Washington, New Mexico, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee.

#### **SEXTON, KEVIN M.**

Kevin M. Sexton, Esq. is a Partner in the New Mexico office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Mr. Sexton concentrates his practice to negotiating and litigating construction related disputes on behalf of architects and engineers.

Mr. Sexton represents design professionals from numerous disciplines, including architecture, geotechnical engineering, structural engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, environmental engineering and surveying. Kevin is a frequent speaker for various architectural- and engineering-related organizations (i.e. AIA, ACEC, DBIA, NMSPE and SEANM). Kevin is also a regular guest lecturer at University of New Mexico School of Architecture and School of Engineering.

### **SHARIFI, RYAN P.**

Ryan P. Sharifi is an Associate Attorney in the Riverside office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Throughout his professional career, Ryan has focused on defending insurance companies in various areas of liability, including personal injury, product liability, premises liability, and construction defect cases. Ryan is bilingual and speaks Farsi.

Ryan was born and raised in Iran. Ryan embarked on his legal journey at a young age, attending law school in 2004 at 18. Recognized for his exceptional performance in the Shiraz University entrance exam, he was awarded the prestigious Brilliant Talent Award in 2005.

In 2010, Ryan earned his first law degree from Shiraz University, one of Iran's top three universities in Iran. After relocating to the United States, Ryan pursued his education at San Francisco Law School. During his time there, he represented San Francisco Law School in the National Moot Court Competition. In 2021, Ryan graduated from San Francisco Law School, attaining his Juris Doctorate.

Ryan dedicated his time to assisting Ph.D. students in Iran with their research endeavors.

Ryan has also been invited to attend graduate classes, where he shares his understanding of the legal system of the United States with students in Iran.

Ryan is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **SHARON, LYNN**

Lynn Sharon has been practicing law for over 25 years and has an 'AV' rating by the Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating system. She began her legal career with the Broward County Public Defender's office, litigating criminal matters from misdemeanors to complex felony cases. After her years as an Assistant Public Defender, she entered private practice with an insurance defense firm in Palm Beach County, and gained litigation and trial experience over several years defending cases over a broad spectrum of disputed civil issues, from construction defect and related building damage disputes to premises liability, slip and fall personal injury liability claims and other accident tort claims, to medical malpractice claims. She has worked with numerous different carriers and has handled many different areas of insurance coverages for insurers. Ms. Sharon has presented and participated in over twenty (20) jury trials, and handled matters to verdict in both state and federal courts. In recent years she has handled primarily first party property damage claims and disputed coverage issues in litigation.

She is licensed to practice in federal court in both the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida as well as all Florida State Courts. Ms. Sharon is also a member of the Animal Law Committee of the Florida Bar and has published articles relating to legal issues associated with animal protection.

### **SHEDDAN, NATALYA**

Natalya Sheddán is a Senior Associate in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Natalya has extensive experience in all areas of civil litigation, including commercial litigation, wrongful death, catastrophic injury, construction, insurance coverage, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, premises liability, and dram shop liability. Natalya is uniquely skilled at finding creative solutions to complicated matters. Natalya's experience includes complex multi-party litigation of an explosion accident with 30+ plaintiffs and alleged damages exceeding \$28 million.

In her spare time, Natalya leads an active lifestyle: from surfing, to running a marathon, to hiking the Laguna Canyon with her Doberman.

Natalya received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Texas in Austin in only 2.5 years at the age of 20. Natalya attended St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas, where she became a published legal author during her first year of law school.

Natalya is licensed to practice law in the states of California and Texas.

### **SKLENCAR, BRAD**

Brad Sklencar is a Partner in the San Antonio offices of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and his practice covers a broad range of commercial and civil litigation matters. Brad has extensive experience in a wide variety of practice areas including attorney discipline and malpractice defense, banking law, business torts, commercial contract and transaction disputes, construction law, environmental law, labor and employment law, insurance defense, intellectual property, premises liability, product liability, professional liability/professional negligence, and real property. Brad has successfully represented clients in both federal and state trial and appellate courts, as well as in all types of administrative hearings.

Brad has also obtained special competency honors by being Board Certified in both Construction Law and in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Brad has extensive experience representing all tiers of construction clients in the construction industry including owners, design professionals, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers on both private and public projects and for commercial and residential projects. Brad represents all tiers of parties in contract development, contract review, termination, alternative dispute resolution, and litigation if necessary.

Brad's experience in Professional Liability and Professional Negligence Defense extends to many licensed professionals and disciplinary boards, including attorneys, accountants, physicians, nurses and other medical



professionals, psychiatrists, psychologists, and other licensed professionals and tradespersons in claim disputes, professional negligence litigation and before disciplinary and licensing boards and governmental agencies.

Brad's Labor and Employment Law practice also includes defending civil suits involving wrongful termination, harassment, age, race, gender or other discrimination under the State and Federal civil rights statutes; administrative claim experience representing public and private employer and individual claimants before the NLRB, EEOC and TWC on labor practices, employment disputes, wage claims, and discrimination claims.

Brad is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas and the District of Columbia.

### **SMEE, GARRETT**

Garrett Smee is a member of the firm's General Liability, Employment & Labor and Estate Planning Practice Groups. His practice typically involves defense in high exposure matters involving employment and labor, and personal injury matters that often result from catastrophic injuries. His current and former clients include Fortune 500 companies, insurance companies, public and municipal entities (and their employees), closely held businesses and private individuals.

Mr. Smee has served as trial counsel in over 45 trials (19 jury) in state and federal courts throughout California. He effectively handles his matters from inception and pre-litigation strategy through law and motion, discovery, trial and the appellate process.

Three of Mr. Smee's employment verdicts resulted in success with the California Fourth District Court of Appeal, one of which resulted in a published opinion - *Willis v. City of Carlsbad* (2020) 48 Cal. App. 5th 1104. He has achieved reversals of two trial court final judgments, one of which went to the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals - *Atkins v. Mabus* (9th Cir. 2016) No. 14-56087 (see also, *Curiél-Aguirre v. County of Imperial* (2015) D066366). His first civil jury trial also resulted in a published opinion - *Yacoub v. Talia* (2014) 79 C.C.C. 409.

Mr. Smee played baseball at Point Loma Nazarene University on athletic and academic scholarships - graduating cum laude. He attended California Western School of Law on a full-tuition merit scholarship - graduating magna cum laude and serving as an Editor on Law Review. Since the Spring of 2022, he has served as an Adjunct Professor at Western Sierra Law School in Oceanside, where he teaches 4 unit classes in civil Remedies and Criminal Procedure.

Mr. Smee lives with his wife of 24 years and three children in Escondido, California. He attends Emanuel Faith Community Church. On the weekends, he also enjoys golfing with his family, fishing with his son, and watching baseball and college football.

Mr. Smee is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

**SMITH, MARK R.**

Mark R. Smith is an Associate at the Las Vegas office of Resnick & Louis, P.C, with 12 years of civil litigation experience. Mark practices in the areas of Civil Litigation, General Liability, Automobile Liability, Premises Liability, Dog Bite Liability, and other areas of Insurance Defense. Before joining Resnick & Louis, Mark was Field Legal Counsel for a large well-known insurance company. Mark began his legal career as Associate at a boutique law firm, managing cases from start to finish in the areas of civil litigation, business law, family law, probate, and entertainment/intellectual property law, before opening his own firm, where he continued to practice in these same areas.

Mark earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. School of Law; and his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Management from Regis University, graduating Summa Cum Laude, while working full time as a civilian contractor at the U.S. Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base.

During law school, while still working full time to support his family, Mark served as President of the Law Student Chapter of the Nevada Justice Association (formerly the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association), was named an Outstanding Student, participated in the school's Partners in Pro Bono Program, and was a finalist in the law school's First Annual Society of Advocates Mock Trial Competition.

During his free time, Mark enjoys spending time with his wife, his three adult daughters, and his grandchildren. Mark is an avid sports fan and is passionate about motocross and off-road riding/racing.

Mark is licensed to practice law in Nevada.

**SQUIRE, ROBERT J.**

Rob is our Florida office's managing partner and an equity shareholder. Over his 20+ years of practice, he has handled a significant number of claims in a variety of practice areas.

He focuses his practice on complex tort litigation, including premises liability, products liability, auto, medical malpractice, first-party property and coverage, SIU, bad faith defense, bodily injury defense, automobile liability, construction defect, employment law, commercial litigation, catastrophic and personal injury, aviation, real estate and title defense and negligent security matters. He has successfully handled professional liability claims for accountants, architects and engineers, design professionals, and other licensed professionals. Rob represents the rights and interests of businesses, health care facilities, elder care facilities, and other commercial clients that are dealing with complex, pressing legal challenges involving any of the following: complex business litigation, nursing home defense, insurance defense including personal injury, general liability, errors and omissions, premises liability and dram shop, and qui tam and whistleblower defense.

He also represents national retail, restaurant, and hospitality clients and manufacturers in various diverse matters. Rob represents clients nationwide and has significant experience handling matters in federal and state courts, both at the trial and appellate levels. Rob works with several MGAs, Underwriters, and Lloyd's syndicates on insurance defense, construction defect, and premises liability. Rob has handled logistics providers in bodily injury and cargo loss litigation, including large clients such as Macy's, JC Penney's, CEC Entertainment, Saks 5th Avenue, and Uber. Rob has provided full-service solutions for issues that affect consignees confronted with the many challenges of delivering, transporting, storing, and receiving freight and commercial goods. Rob has helped business entities obtain tax and insurance benefits, liability protection, transportation operational efficiencies, and regulatory compliance.

Rob is licensed to practice law in the state of Florida.

#### **STEWART, JAMIE A.**

Jamie has a legal career spanning over 10 years. Jamie has focused her practice on the areas of bodily injury defense, business and corporate law, construction litigation, insurance defense, as well as employment law/wrongful termination defense.

Jamie received her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Pepperdine University, Malibu, California and Juris Doctorate from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, California where she was a member of Law Review. Jamie is licensed to practice in California and is an active member of The Lawyers Club of San Diego. Jamie is also admitted to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

#### **STRASSBURG, ROGER W.**

Roger has over 35 years of nationwide jury trial experience in complex injury and commercial cases in state and federal courts in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Maryland. His trial experience includes construction defect, professional liability, transportation defense, personal injury, insurance, product defect, real estate, death and class action & mass action tort cases.

For example, he defended a Nevada public canal company in state and federal from class action claims involving 1,500 property owners from the flood in Fernley, NV. He also defended a traumatic brain injury claim brought before a jury against the magician, David Copperfield and others, in Las Vegas, NV. He defended a professional malpractice claim brought before a jury against an insurance brokerage in Phoenix, AZ. The first case in Arizona in which any court officially recognized the use of functional MRI brain scanning was brought by him.

He also has appellate experience before the appellate courts in Arizona, Ohio, California, and the federal circuit courts. He credits much of his success in court to thorough preparation, the use of advanced, proprietary trial technology in the presentation of defenses in court, and luck.

Roger also has worked professionally in public service on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. for two members of Congress and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arizona where he was a criminal prosecutor of civil and criminal cases against some of the state's largest corporations. He has been a speaker at the U.S. Judicial Conference for the Second Circuit on the use of neuro-technology and the law where he followed Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg on the panel. His J.D. is from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, where he was Articles Editor on Law Review and Order of the Coif. His bachelor's degree is in History from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Roger is licensed to practice law in Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Nevada.

### **SWIFT, TODD**

Todd Swift is a Partner in the Las Vegas office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in insurance coverage, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, and premises liability. Todd's experience includes the analysis and litigation of complex insurance defense issues, including both personal lines and commercial lines of coverage, appearing in both federal and state courts.

Todd also has significant experience in handling the investigation and litigation of special education law matters under the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). Todd has assisted clients in estate planning matters, including conducting pro bono clinics for the Senior Law Project. He has also drafted contracts and assisted clients both in interpreting and enforcing contracts.

Prior to graduating from law school, Todd worked for Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada where he assisted disadvantaged members of the Las Vegas community with bankruptcy, personal debt, and asset protection matters. He participated in the Duberstein Moot Court competition at St. John's University School of Law in New York.

Todd enjoys reading literary works, rock climbing, weightlifting, traveling internationally, and discovering the best restaurants around both his native Las Vegas as well as each of his travel destinations. Todd has been writing a near future science fiction novel, which he may never finish, but he enjoys the creative escapism. Todd is also a visual artist, specializing in photo realistic charcoal portraits.

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

### **TATEVOSYAN, SEVAK (SAM)**

Sevak "Sam" Tatevosyan is an Associate Attorney in the Burbank office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where his practice focuses primarily on general civil litigation matters. Mr. Tatevosyan has had significant experience defending public and private sector clients in all Workers' Compensation matters. His work focused primarily on obtaining the lowest most reasonable settlement demands after exhausting coverage and liability concerns.

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Prior to graduating from law school, Sevak participated in the tort litigation society, criminal law society, and was a certified law student for neglected children within the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Outside of work, Sevak enjoys long distance running and attending live music events with friends and family.

Sevak is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

### **TAYLOR III, KENNETH O.**

Kenneth focuses his practice on construction defect litigation, insurance defense, bodily injury defense, automobile liability and general civil litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C., he spent 7 years practicing in the areas of construction defect, products liability, premises liability, bodily injury, workers compensation, and toxic torts. Kenneth has practiced at the state and federal level and has successfully resolved numerous civil lawsuits on behalf of his clients.

Kenneth received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2004 from Northern Arizona University and his Juris Doctor degree from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2007. While in law school, Kenneth was awarded the Dean's Merit Scholarship and the Pepperdine Endowed Scholarship, and was a member of the Advocates for Public Interest Law. Kenneth is licensed to practice before all courts in the State of California as well as the Central and Southern Federal District Courts.

### **TEMPLE, KURT**

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, 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.

**THOMPSON, BENJAMIN A.**

Benjamin A. Thompson is an Associate in the Riverside/Ontario office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. Ben was licensed to practice law in the state of California in 2005, and he has extensive litigation experience in both State and Federal Court. Prior to being licensed as an attorney, Ben earned a Certified Public Accounting license working for a Big 4 accounting firm completing financial audits of multinational corporations, and corporate valuation consulting.

Ben's litigation experience includes, but is not limited to: general liability, employment law, civil rights, copyright, trademark, and personal injury defense. Ben has successfully defended his clients in jury trials, via dispositive motions, and in many mediations and settlement conferences.

Ben received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara and his Juris Doctor from Santa Clara University School of Law.

Ben is licensed to practice law in the state of California.

**THOMPSON, ROBERT L.**

Robert L. Thompson is an Associate Attorney at Resnick and Louis' Las Vegas office. His primary practice areas include general litigation, premises liability defense, automobile defense, and construction law. He has been practicing in Las Vegas for over a decade and a half where he developed numerous relationships with members of the legal industry, expert witnesses, medical professionals, mediators, and the courts. He utilizes his experience as part of an effective strategy towards winning cases and getting the best resolution for his clients. Mr. Thompson believes that communication is an often-overlooked aspect of litigation. This includes developing effective working relationships with the clients from the start of their cases, working with opposing counsel in a professional and courteous manner, and being straight forward with mediators and the judges on issues that are not negotiable while at the same time working in a professional manner to achieve the best result. At the end of the day, he believes good communication from the start of the case will carry over to trial where the goal is to persuade the jury to find in favor of the client's position.

Mr. Thompson got his start representing subcontractors in contract litigation during Nevada's construction boom in the early 2000's. He moved onto taking cases for automobile driver's being sued by personal injury lawyers as well as business owners and casinos who find themselves involved in litigation for premises liability cases. Mr. Thompson has represented his clients effectively in all aspects of trial preparation from depositions, mediation, arbitration hearings, and, when necessary, taking cases to jury trial. Mr. Thompson continues to represent people and businesses to make sure their voices are heard in all matters of civil litigation practice.

Mr. Thompson graduated from Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa in 2005. During his time in law school, he participated in Drake's Legislative Practice program gaining first-hand experience as a legal intern in the Iowa legislature, and the Iowa business lobby during the legislative session. Before moving to the Midwest to attend

law school, he received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Mr. Thompson also proudly served as a member in the United States Coast Guard.

Robert is licensed to practice law in the Nevada Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for Nevada, and the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

### **THOMPSON, STACY**

Stacy Thompson is a Partner in the Dallas office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where she practices primarily as an insurance defense attorney with extensive experience in civil litigation of personal injury claims, property damage claims (including appraisal), first-party defense of bad faith/UM/UIM matters, and coverage issues. Stacy also has experience in commercial litigation claims including trucking, company vehicle, and workers compensation claims.

Stacy was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health in 2000. She completed a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston before completing law school at South Texas College of Law in Houston in 2004.

In her free time, Stacy enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.

Stacy is licensed to practice law in the states of Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico.

### **TINDALL, RANDALL W.**

Randall has been working with and defending insurance clients for nearly 20 years. He has extensive litigation experience and has worked closely with hospitality, casino, pharmaceutical and automotive clients such as Wynn Resorts, MGM and other premier Las Vegas resorts.

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.

### **TORELLO, CECILIA**

Cecilia Torello is an Associate in the San Diego office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. She focuses her practice on insurance defense, civil litigation including premises liability, general liability, personal injury, commercial litigation, medical malpractice, and construction defect. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, P.C., Cecilia worked for small

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personal injury law firms where she gained litigation experience in personal injury matters relating to premises liability, product liability, automobile accidents, and dog bites.

Cecilia received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from New Jersey City University. While in undergrad, Cecilia worked as an intern for the United State Postal Inspection Services. Cecilia obtained her Juris Doctor Degree at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. While in law school, she worked as an intern for the San Diego Superior Court in the Criminal Division.

Outside of work, Cecilia enjoys spending time with her family, running, and practicing Bikram Yoga.

Cecilia is licensed to practice law in the state of California and Pennsylvania.

### **TYLER, STEPHANIE**

Stephanie is a Partner at the Houston office and has been practicing First Party and Third-Party Insurance Defense for many years. Stephanie has represented individual and corporate insureds in Texas state courts, litigating personal injury, property loss, and other tort-based claims. Stephanie has also represented insurance companies in property subrogation, workers' compensation subrogation, premium collection litigation, as well as in pre-litigation matters. She has represented personal injury plaintiffs, clients subjected to workplace discrimination, and children as a court appointed Guardian Ad Litem in state courts.

Stephanie received her Bachelor in Managerial Studies from Rice University in 1984 and her Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in May 1988.

Stephanie is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

### **VINING, DOUGLAS R.**

Douglas Vining is a Partner in the Irvine office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. and has extensive litigation experience in catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death matters, automobile liability, transportation liability, hospitality and retail defense, general liability, premises liability, employment law, and general civil litigation. Prior to joining Resnick & Louis, Doug worked for a boutique civil defense litigation firm in Orange County where he worked on all aspects of civil litigation in state and federal courts. He has represented and counseled individuals, small businesses, corporations, and insurers in all aspects of litigation, including successful mediations, arbitrations, and trial.

Doug was born and raised in Southern California and received his Bachelor of Arts from California State University at San Bernardino and his Juris Doctor from the University of California Los Angeles in 1993.

Doug is licensed to practice law in California.



### **WADDELL, ANTHONY**

Anthony (“Tony”) Waddell currently represents clients in a wide variety of civil litigation matters at Resnick & Louis, P.C., including automobile insurance defense, construction defect, employment law, and complex commercial litigation. Over the course of nineteen years, Tony accumulated extensive civil litigation experience in state and federal courts throughout Texas appearing for bench trials and hearings in numerous counties throughout the state. By way of example, Tony has personally appeared before courts from Beaumont to Muleshoe, Texas, as well as El Paso to Edinburg and points in between. In addition to motion practice and copious depositions, Tony has briefed several appellate matters to the Courts of Appeal in Texas, and he has presented oral argument to the Dallas Court of Appeals which resulted in a successful outcome for the client.

After spending several years in Corpus Christi, Texas practicing personal injury litigation with a practice area that included all of South Texas, Tony returned to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Tony obtained invaluable litigation and jury trial experience during this time that provided unique insights into the preparation and development of trial strategy and presentation to a jury. In November 2021, Tony obtained a full defense verdict during a jury trial for his client on directed verdict after two-and-a-half days of Plaintiffs’ testimony.

In 2008, Tony sat for the California bar exam during an earthquake and actively maintains a current docket in California.

Tony is an avid reader of all genres of books and audiobooks with interests ranging from presidential biographies of Theodore Roosevelt and Ulysses S. Grant, to the writings of Stephen Hawking and Carl Sagan, to Pulitzer Prize winning novels including *The Goldfinch*, *All the Light We Cannot See*, and *Lonesome Dove*. His non-legal passion is baseball and the redemption of his hometown Astros. Tony follows his local AA teams to scout player development and to be closer to the action.

### **WARD, ALEC**

As a newly sworn-in attorney, Alec brings a fresh perspective, unwavering dedication, and a passion for justice to the legal profession. He graduated from the prestigious University of Houston Law Center, where he earned his Juris Doctor (JD) degree. His academic achievements were not only a testament to his intellect but also to his commitment to excellence in the field of law.

During his time at law school, Alec demonstrated exceptional skills in legal research, writing, and oral advocacy. He participated in trial advocacy, where he honed his courtroom skills and gained valuable experience in crafting persuasive legal arguments in front of several different judges and attorneys.

Upon graduating from law school, Alec successfully passed the Uniform Bar Exam, and is eligible to practice in any current and future UBE jurisdictions, showcasing his comprehensive understanding of the law and his dedication

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to upholding the principles of justice. He is now a licensed attorney, ready to advocate for his clients with tenacity, integrity, and a deep understanding of the legal system.

As his legal career begins, Alec is focused on providing exceptional legal representation and personalized attention to his clients. His areas of expertise include automobile accidents, trucking accidents, construction accidents, construction defect, premises liability, wrongful death, and insurance fraud. Alec leverages his knowledge and skills to navigate complex legal matters and achieve favorable outcomes for his clients.

With a passion for justice, a commitment to ethical practice, and a determination to make a difference, Alec is poised to contribute significantly to the legal community. He welcomes the opportunity to serve clients, uphold the law, and promote fairness and equity in every case he undertakes.

Alec is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas.

### **WARMOTH, KATHRYN**

Kathryn Warmoth is an Associate at Resnick & Louis. Her practice is focused on insurance defense, civil litigation including premises liability, general liability, personal injury, commercial litigation, medical malpractice, and construction defect. Prior to joining the firm, Kathryn gained extensive knowledge and experience with property casualty insurance working for insurers and brokerage firms for nearly 20 years.

Kathryn graduated from Governors State University with a B.S. in Healthcare Administration and is a graduate of the University of North Texas College of Law. Kathryn is a member of the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society, Royal Furgeson Inn and is a certified mediator. Kathryn has experience advocating in the Dallas community through the UNT College of Law Community Engagement Program.

Outside of work, Kathryn enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

### **WARNER, DEREK J.**

Derek J. Warner is an Associate in the Scottsdale office of Resnick & Louis, P.C. where he focuses his practice on insurance defense, first party property defense, employment defense, professional liability, construction defect litigation, SIU, bodily injury defense, bad faith, estate planning, automobile liability, and general civil litigation. Prior to moving to Arizona, Derek practiced in Metro-Detroit, Michigan primarily as a civil litigator specializing in insurance defense with additional experience as a Plaintiff's personal injury attorney.

Derek was born and raised in Flint, Michigan and attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy. Derek received his Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University Law School in 2017 and his Master of Business Administration from Valparaiso University College of

Business in 2018.

When he has the opportunity, Derek spends his time with his family. He is very active in his spare time and enjoys various hobbies including hiking, disc golfing and golfing, coaching, playing basketball, and traveling. Derek previously played college basketball and coached varsity girls' basketball in Michigan.

Derek is licensed to practice law in the states of Arizona and Michigan.

#### **WHITE, LAUREN**

Ms. White attended the University of Notre Dame where she graduated, cum laude, from the honors track with degrees in history and psychology. Prior to attending law school she worked for a large law firm for several years. After attending the University of Miami School of Law she clerked for the Honorable Chris McAliley in the United States District Court in the Southern District. Having previously served as an in house counsel to an insurance company, she is keenly aware of the challenges faced by insurers. She has extensive litigation experience in both State and Federal courts making her a seasoned litigator.

Lauren is licensed to practice law in the state of Florida.

#### **WIENER, GARY**

Gary Wiener is Of Counsel at the Houston office of Resnick & Louis, P.C., where most of his cases involve third-party insurance defense litigation. He has also successfully litigated matters involving employment law and workplace discrimination, consumer protection, and mass toxic tort defense, as well as general civil trial and appellate practice. Gary is a subject matter expert regarding electronic discovery, with extensive experience in legal technologies and legal search query creation, topics on which he has written and spoken nationwide. He has practiced at the state, federal, appellate, and administrative levels, as well as mediation and arbitration.

Gary's career as a litigation and trial lawyer has taken him from arguing civil rights cases on behalf of the Texas Attorney General, to employment law practice in Austin and insurance defense in Houston. He then spent 15 years developing expertise and thought leadership in the emerging field of eDiscovery, particularly the identification and use of electronic data as evidence in litigation and has written and spoken extensively nationwide on the subject. Gary has managed complex civil litigation matters from case inception through trial and appeal and takes pride in his ability to provide top-tier legal representation, with personal attention to his clients.

Gary received his Bachelor of Journalism and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a member of its Board of Advocates. He is a former Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association's Labor & Employment Law Committee (Young Lawyers Division) and served on the boards of the Austin Young Lawyers Association and the Houston chapter of the Association of Litigation Support Professionals.

In addition to his litigation and trial work, Gary has served on the editorial boards of the Texas Bar Journal (State Bar of Texas) and The Houston Lawyer (Houston Bar Association) magazines. He is an active member of several fraternal organizations and donates his time for various charitable causes. Gary and his wife Karen enjoy cooking and traveling.

Gary is licensed to practice law in Texas, and in the federal District Courts of the Southern and Western Districts of Texas.

**WOLF, MICHAEL J.**

Michael began his education earning a B.A. from the University of California, Irvine. He then went on to study law at the University of LaVerne, College of Law. Michael focuses his practice in the areas of General Litigation, Public Sector Law, Civil Rights, Workers' Compensation, Labor and Employment, Premises Liability, and Commercial Litigation.

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.

**WOODS, DELMAS A.**

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