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Jeffrey Crowe is a partner in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's Orange County office, and Co-Leader of the Insurance Team.

Areas of Practice

For over 20 years, Jeff has represented and defended insurance companies in a variety of insurance-related litigation, including against insurance bad faith, class action and unfair competition claims. He also has extensive experience litigating insurance coverage disputes and serving as counsel in complex coverage matters.

Jeff's practice includes litigating both first-party and third-party disputes under a variety of personal and commercial lines policies. He represents insurance clients in both state and federal trial and appellate courts, and has a track record of success in high stakes and complex litigation.

In coverage matters, Jeff's experience has ranged broadly from analyzing first-party coverages, including the investigation of suspected fraudulent claims, to assisting clients with the analysis of complex liability coverages, drafting coverage opinions, and writing coverage position letters.

For consecutive years, Jeff's peers have recognized him as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Insurance – Litigation.

Jeff is the editor and a frequent author of the Firm's Insurance Law Blog, and has been a contributing editor of the Rutter Group's California Practice Guide: Insurance Litigation. He is also actively involved in pro bono and volunteer work, including as a United Way e-Mentor for the Class of 2022 and 2023 e-Mentorship Program.

Honors

Recommended Lawyer, Insurance - Advice to Insurers, *Legal 500 US*, 2025

Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2019-2026

Experience

Unpublished Decisions

- *Aquarius Well Drilling, Inc. v. American States Insurance Company* (United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Case No. 13-15040) (2015)

- *Copelan v. Infinity Ins. Co., et al.* (United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Case No. 16-55980) (2018)
- *Moore v. Safeco Ins. Co. of America* (United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Case No. 12-56459) (2013)
- *Callison v. Liberty Mutual Fire Ins. Co.* (California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division 3, Case No. G050633) (2015)

Articles

- 2023 Insurance Team Year-In-Review
04.03.2024

Insurance Law Blog Posts

- "Appraisal of Amount of Loss is a Predicate to Article III, Injury-In-Fact Standing for a Suit Alleging Wrongful Withholding of Policy Benefits," March 10, 2025
- "Can an Insured's Mental Incapacity or Insanity Convert Non-Accidental Conduct into an Accident?," October 16, 2023
- "Failure to Timely Produce in Discovery Underlying Written Contract with Insured Prevented General Contractor from Establishing Status as an Additional Insured," April 24, 2023
- "Continuous and Progressive Damage Raised Factual Question as to the Timing of 'Occurrence,'" March 4, 2021
- "California Supreme Court Applies Notice-Prejudice Rule to Violation of First-Party Consent Provision as a Predicate to Policy Forfeiture, but Confirms that No Prejudice is Required to Enforce a Third-Party "No Voluntary Payments" Provision," September 6, 2019
- "Insurer's Mistake in Treating Non-Resident Relative as an Insured Under UM Coverage Of Umbrella Policy Did Not Create Coverage by Estoppel," April 17, 2019
- "Court Finds Ambiguity in Additional Insured Endorsement to Trigger Defense Duty Under Completed Operations Coverage," September 18, 2017
- "Professional Services Exclusion Negates Coverage for Liability Arising Out of Insured's Failure to Mark Oil Pipeline," September 18, 2017

Speaking Engagements

"The Mediation Minefield: Resolving Third-Party Claims When Coverage is Contested," OCBA MCLE, June 23, 2025

"Bad Faith Update: Recent Developments in California, Washington and Montana," Pacific Claim Executives Association, October 2014

Events

Emerging Claims Involving Insurance Class Actions
Class Action Threats in 2023 and Beyond - A Webinar Series
Webinar, 11.09.2023

Class Action Threats in 2023 And Beyond - A Webinar Series
Webinar Series, 2023

Memberships

Member, Orange County Bar Association

Member, Insurance Law Section of the OCBA

Member, Defense Research Institute

Advisor, Carolyn Campagna Kleefeld Contemporary Art Museum Advisory Board

Podcasts & Webinars

Emerging Claims Involving Insurance Class Actions
11.09.2023

Practices

Class Action Defense

Insurance

Litigation

Industries

Insurance

Education

J.D., Whittier Law School, 2001, *magna cum laude*, Editor, *Whittier Law Review*

B.A., California State University, Long Beach, 1998

Clerkships

Judicial Extern for Presiding Justice David G. Sills, California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three

Admissions

California

Federal District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of California

U.S. Court for the Ninth Circuit