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Ronald Getchey is of counsel in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's San Diego office.

Areas of Practice

Ronald represents insurance companies that are sued for bad faith, fraud and unfair competition. While the focus of his practice is in California, Ronald has or currently is representing insurance company clients in cases pending in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, South Dakota, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. These cases are all extremely large and complex cases involving the so-called "institutional bad faith" approach which is an attack on the client's nationwide claims handling policies and procedures.

Together with the members of his practice group, Ronald was one of the first attorneys in California to successfully advocate the "genuine dispute" defense. Today, this defense is considered to be the most important and viable defense available to an insurance company that has been sued for bad faith. He was also one of the first attorneys to successfully defend the insurance industry's use of computer technology during the handling of casualty claims.

Honors

Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2026

Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent Rating, 2016

San Diego Super Lawyers: 2015, 2016

Southern California Super Lawyers: 2014 (Insurance Coverage), 2016

Experience

Mr. Getchey has obtained numerous published decisions from state and federal courts on significant issues affecting the insurance industry including:

- *Nager v. Allstate*
- *Ricotta v. Allstate*
- *Fields v. Woodley (Allstate)*
- *Deer v. Allstate*

- *Scroghan v. Allstate*
- *Miller v. Allstate*
- *Procopio v. Allstate*
- *McCasland v. Chemicon*
- *Beckman*
- *Dauro v. Allstate*
- *Koven v. Allstate*
- *Stevenson v. Rochkind*

Representative Clients

- 21st Century Insurance Company
- Allstate Insurance Company
- The Hartford
- Horace Mann Insurance Companies
- Loya Insurance Group
- Progressive Insurance Company
- St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
- State Farm Insurance Company
- Travelers Property Casualty Insurance Company

Articles

- 2023 Insurance Team Year-In-Review
04.03.2024
- *Stevenson v. Rochkind: Out of the Frye-ing pan*
Maryland Daily Record, 07.26.2017

Media Mentions

Sheppard Mullin Takes In 10 McKenna Attys In Calif.
Law360, 04.07.2014

Memberships

American Bar Association

Maryland Bar Association

San Diego County Bar Association

Practices

Litigation

Insurance

Industries

Insurance

Education

J.D., Loyola Law School, 1991, *Order of the Coif*

B.A., University of California, Riverside, 1988, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

California

Maryland

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Ninth Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of California

Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Arkansas

District Court, Adams County, Colorado

District Court, Denver County, Colorado

U. S. District Courts for the Middle District of Florida

Appellate Courts of the State of Indiana

Bartholomew County Circuit Court of the State of Indiana

Lake County Circuit Court of the State of Indiana

Supreme Court of the State of Indiana

U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division

Missouri Circuit Court, Circuit Court of Jackson County

Missouri Court of Appeals

Supreme Court of the State of Missouri

Cascade County District Court of Montana

U. S. District Courts for the District of Montana, Butte Division

U. S. District Court for the District of Montana, Missoula Division

Montana Sixth Judicial District, Park County

Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada

Supreme Court for the State of Nevada

Belmont County Court of Common Pleas for the State of Ohio

Seventh Judicial Circuit Court, County of Pennington, State of South Dakota

District Court of Wyoming, Seventh Judicial District, County of Natrona

District Court of Wyoming, Eight Judicial District, County of Converse