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SUMMARY

Nationally recognized attorney with 35 years of experience in all aspects of civil litigation (including trials and appeals), regularly appearing in federal and state courts throughout California and occasionally appearing in other states (e.g., Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Texas and Utah).

Practice emphasizes representing corporations and insurers in complex and/or high stakes civil litigation that involves: business, commercial and contract disputes; employee benefits; insurance and financial services; labor and employment issues; personal injury and product liability claims; privacy matters, unfair competition and other business torts. Practice also includes regular collaboration with corporate and insurance clients about operational issues, compliance matters, conducting internal (and external) investigations, responding to regulatory inquiries, risk management, litigation avoidance, and litigation management.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Senior Counsel September 2021-Present
Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP San Francisco, California
Representing life, health, and disability insurance companies, managed care organizations, claim administrators, and agents in bad faith, ERISA, and other forms of litigation involving the sale, underwriting, and administration of life insurance and annuities, accident and health insurance, disability insurance, long term care insurance, health care service plans, provider disputes, pensions and retirement plans.

Mediator and Arbitrator July 2007 - Present
Pohls Mediation Walnut Creek, California
Formally trained mediator and arbitrator, providing dispute resolution services in civil litigation that involves: life, health and disability insurance; ERISA and employee benefits; consumer lending and financial services; business disputes; insurance coverage; labor and employment issues; and civil rights matters.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Founder and Managing Attorney April 1999 – September 2021
Pohls & Associates Walnut Creek, California

Senior Litigation Associate May 1997 – April 1999
Archer, McComas, et al. Walnut Creek, California

Senior Litigation Associate March 1996 – May 1997
Fleming & Associates San Francisco, California

Senior Associate Attorney March 1989 – March 1996
Bowles & Verna Walnut Creek, California

Litigation Associate August 1987 – March 1989
Ropers, Majeski, et al. Redwood City, California

RECOGNITION

- **Top 50 Attorney** of San Francisco (*Attorney Intel*, 2022)
- Northern California “**Super Lawyer**” (*Thomson Reuters*, 2014-2022)
- **National Spokesperson** on Health Care Reform (*Defense Research Institute*, 2012-2017)
- Principal of “**Go-To Firm**” for Litigation (*American Lawyer Media*, 2008)
- *Martindale-Hubbell* Rating: **AV-Preeminent**

EDUCATION

- *University of California, Davis* Juris Doctorate (1987)
- *Bucknell University* Bachelor of Arts (1984)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California State Bar (1987)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, C.D. California
- U.S. District Court, E.D. California
- U.S. District Court, N.D. California
- U.S. District Court, S.D. California
- U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

LEADERSHIP

- *American Bar Association*
 - Chair, Health & Disability Insurance Law Committee (2001-2002)
 - Vice-Chair, Life Insurance Law Committee (1997-1999)
- *Defense Research Institute*
 - National Spokesperson on Health Care Reform (2012-2017)
 - Annual Meeting Program Chair, Life, Health & Disability Committee (2010-2012)
- Frequent author and speaker on legal issues of interest to businesses in heavily regulated industries