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PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Coverage, Personal Injury, Litigation, Insurance Defense, Transportation, Bad Faith Defense, Accident Disability, Professional Negligence Defense, Product Defect Liability.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Mr. Gross is a Senior Member at The Cavanagh Law Firm where his practice is devoted to insurance coverage, personal injury, and bad faith litigation. His representation of the insurance industry spans both first-party property and third-party liability claims arising out of all types of insurance coverage. Mr. Gross has particular expertise with respect to coverage issues related to the interstate motor carrier transportation industry and has advised clients on coverage litigation in 22 states.

Mr. Gross serves as national and regional coverage counsel for large motor carrier transportation insurance carriers and has advised clients on coverage and bad faith litigation and has appeared in courts in Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Jersey, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Alaska, Georgia, Louisiana, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Virginia, South Dakota, South Carolina, North Carolina, Utah, and California.

Currently, Mr. Gross is Chair of the Arizona State Bar Motor Carrier Transportation continuing legal education program and is one of the two managing authors and editors of the ARIZONA TORT LAW HANDBOOK published by the Arizona State Bar. He has published over twenty articles and books relating to insurance coverage, liability defense, and claims practices including chapter eight of the national CLAIMS ADJUSTER'S AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY HANDBOOK published by West in 2009, and chapter nine of the two volume book titled HANDLING INSURANCE CASES published by

West in 2011. He has been listed by SOUTHWEST SUPER LAWYERS since inception, BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICAN 2019, and maintains an AV Preeminent rating with MARTINDALE-HUBBELL.

Mr. Gross is a member of the CPCU Society, the Trucking Insurance Defense Association (TIDA), and the Arizona Association of Special Investigation Units.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Insurance Law Institute Arizona State Bar
- 2015 Insurance Law Institute (January 29-30, 2015) Arizona State Bar
- Arizona Insurance Law Institute (January 31, 2013) Arizona State Bar
- Motor Carrier Trucking Law (October 2015) Arizona State Bar Seminar Chair.
- Litigating Insurance Coverage Claims: From Start to Finish (December 2011) National Business Institute
- Motor Carrier Trucking Law (December 2011) Arizona State Bar (Seminar Chair)
- Insurance Coverage Litigation (October 2010) National Business Institute
- Arizona Insurance Law (January 2010) Arizona State Bar
- Arizona Insurance Law (January 2009) Arizona State Bar
- Dozens of Trucking coverage in-house carrier seminars

BOOKS

- The Claim Adjuster's Automobile Liability Handbook - Chapter 8 (Thomson Reuters/West 2009)
- Construction Defects: Claims and Coverage” “Progressive Losses-Triggers of Coverage, Numbering of Occurrences and Allocation Among Successive Policies” (DRI Defense Library)
- Arizona Tort Law Handbook (Arizona State Bar 2012), *managing editor*.
- Couch on Insurance 3d
- Practice Tools for Handling Insurance Cases—Chapter 9 (Thomson Reuters/West 2011)

PUBLICATIONS

- Motor Carrier “Lease Liability”: Is it Time to Rebut the Irrebutable Presumption of Vicarious Liability?, Common Defense (Fall 2011).
- The Extension of Insurance to Cover the Plaintiff’s Financial Risk of Litigation: “Bodily Injury” “Property Damage” and “Attorney’s Fees” Caused by an Occurrence?, Common Defense (Fall 2011).
- Communicable and Transmission of Disease Exclusion, Ins. Lit. Rptr. Vol 33, No. 7 (2011).
- Exploring Experimental Treatment Exclusions, Ins. Lit. Rptr., Vol 33, No. 12 (July 2011).
- A Review of ISO’s Fungi and Bacteria Exclusion, Ins. Lit. Rptr., Vol 33, No. 8 (2011).
- Splitting Claim Files: Managing the Concern for Conflicts of Interest Through Use of Insurance Company Conflicts Screens, Ins. Lit. Rptr., Vol 31, No. 6 (April 2010).
- Use Caution When Relying Upon Insurance Fraud Immunity Statutes, IASIU, SIU Today Magazine (Summer 2010).

- Shifting Attorneys' Fees To The Losing Party: Is it Covered Under The Policy?, Ins. Lit. Rptr., Winter 2009.
- Mortgage Demands for Homeowner Coverage When The Insured Property Has Been Stripped During Foreclosure, In-House Quarterly, Winter 2009.
- The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is No Bully to a Carrier's Right to an Examination Under Oath, IASIU, SIU Today.
- The Inherent Tension Between the Fifth Amendment Right Against Self-Incrimination and the Insurance Company's Contractual Right to Cooperation: Can a Jurisprudential Balance Be Achieved?, Ins. Lit. Rptr., Vol 30, No. 18 (2008).
- Claims for Embezzlement of Client Funds, DRI for the Defense, Vol. 49, No. 3 (March 2007).
- Medical Payments Coverage: A Policy Inside A Policy, Ins. Lit. Rptr., Vol. 28, No. 14 (2006).
- Evaluating Medical Payment Coverage Questions, Claims Journal (May 7, 2012).
- Vandalism, Vacancy and the Absence of Property Coverage, Ins. Lit. Rptr., Vol 33, No. 18 (2011).
- Interpreting Immunity: Why It's Wise to Use Caution With Insurance Fraud Statutes, SIU Today Magazine (Fall 2011).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating
- Arizona' Finest Lawyers
- Best Lawyers in American 2019 Insurance Coverage
- Southwest Super Lawyers
- Arizona Top Lawyers 2016 Phoenix Magazine
- Great American Insurance Company 2019 Excellence Award

ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- Trucking Insurance Defense Association
- CPCU Society
- AADC-YLD Board of Directors, 2008-2010
- Mended Little Hearts Pediatric Heart Charity 2012-2015

EDUCATION

- Arizona State University (B.A., Economics, *summa cum laude*, 2002; J.D., *cum laude*, 2005)
- Arizona State Law Journal
- Arizona State Bar Tax Scholarship 2005
- William H. Pedrick Scholar