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Julia A. Molander represents the insurance industry in virtually all aspects of their business, including insurance coverage litigation, insurance counseling, extracontractual (bad faith) liability, insurance fraud, underwriting matters, policy drafting, regulatory compliance, brokerage and agency liability, insurance insolvency and legislative issues. She has served as first-chair in more than 20 bench trials, jury trials and arbitrations.

Julia has more than 30 years experience in strategically managing insurance risk, on an enterprise-wide basis (state, regional and national), in areas such as construction defects, class actions, cyber risks, trucking and cumulative trauma. Julia was elected a fellow of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel in 2014 and the Insurance Litigation Institute of America, where she currently serves as chair. She is rated AV Pre-eminent by her peers and has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer" since 2005.

Julia has lectured at major professional conferences sponsored by the American Bar Association, Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, Association of California Insurance Companies, the California Continuing Education of the Bar, the American Conference Institute, the Property Law Research Bureau, the Insurance Risk Management Institute and the Practising Law Institute. She is a contributing editor the CEB publication *California Liability Insurance Practice: Claims and Litigation*. She has published numerous articles and scholarly discussions on a variety of insurance topics.

Julia earned her Bachelor of Science with distinction from Northwestern University in 1974 and her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1978.

Experience

Obtained dismissal of defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress claims filed by a public adjuster against our third-party administrator/investigation company client and one of its employees. The lawsuit stemmed from a comment the employee allegedly made to a fire department arson investigator and then published in an email, which the plaintiff interpreted as suggesting that he had set the fire. We secured dismissal of the action through an anti-SLAPP motion, successfully arguing that that statement at issue was made in connection with a law enforcement investigation, and therefore privileged, and that the plaintiff did not meet his burden of showing a likelihood of success on the merits.

Practice Areas

- Bad Faith
- Casualty & Specialty Products Insurance
- Professional Liability Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Coverage

Education

- Stanford University Law School, J.D., 1978
- Northwestern University, B.S., *with honors*, 1974

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Central District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association, Litigation and Torts Trial and Insurance Practice Sections
- Vice-Chair, TIPS Insurance Coverage, Vice-Chair Litigation Committee
- Member, Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Chair, Defense Research Institute, Insurance Law Committee
- California State Representative to DRI (1997-2000)
- President, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California (1995-1996)
- Past Chair, State Bar of California Insurance Law Committee
- Former Board Member, Northern California Conference of Insurance Counsel
- Former Executive Committee Member, Insurance Law Committee, Bar Association of San Francisco

Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers, 2017 Women of Influence
- Who's Who Legal: Insurance and Reinsurance, Women in Business Law 2007 - 2016
- Best Lawyers in America 2017-2019

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- Super Lawyer: Insurance Coverage (California) 2006 - 2016
- Chambers & Partners USA, 2011
- Expert Guides: Insurance & Reinsurance

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