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ADMISSIONS
California

EDUCATION
University of Virginia School of Law (JD, 1988). Member, National Moot Court Team, 1987-1988

Georgetown University (BS, 1985), *cum laude*

Ty Childress is the Co-Managing Partner of Howrey's Southern California offices and a Partner in the Commercial Trial, Insurance Recovery and Complex Tort practice groups who specializes in complex business and tort litigation, insurance coverage advice and related coverage litigation. He has been recognized as a premier business litigator in guides such as *Chambers USA's* "Leading Business Lawyers" and *Euromoney Legal Guide to the World's Leading Insurance Lawyers*. *Chambers USA* ranks him among the top policyholder lawyers in the country, noting that "he is intelligent, presents well and has earned his peers' respect," and quotes comments from clients that he is "analytical and knowledgeable with great negotiation skills," is an "intellectually versatile and creative thinker," and "when it comes to the crunch, you can rely on him to get results." Mr. Childress has also repeatedly been named by *Los Angeles* magazine as one of Southern California's "Super Lawyers."

In addition to his extensive experience in complex insurance coverage claims, Mr. Childress conducts an active commercial litigation practice in a wide variety of other areas including railroad, product defect, real estate, environmental, toxic tort, contract, fraud and indemnity disputes.

Mr. Childress was among the trial counsel who obtained one of the largest jury awards in California in the 1990s and has been involved in several landmark court decisions. In addition to a national litigation practice, Mr. Childress has also served as lead counsel in arbitration proceedings across the country and secured numerous multimillion-dollar arbitration awards.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *In re September 11th Liability Insurance Coverage Cases*. Served as counsel for World Trade Center Properties LLC and Larry Silverstein seeking to enforce insurance coverage rights relating to liability claims arising from terrorism-related events of September 11, 2001.
- *Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, et al. v. Union Pacific Railroad Company*. Obtained complete dismissal with prejudice of all claims against Union Pacific relating to a rescission and fraud action brought in federal court in Los Angeles by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority over the ownership rights to fiber optic easements throughout the Los Angeles Basin, pursuant to a \$450 million real estate transaction.

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- *Southern Pacific Transportation Company v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's/London*. Acted as lead counsel for Southern Pacific (now Union Pacific) in complex coverage litigation against more than two dozen insurers for environmental claims at 63 sites across the Western United States.
- *Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. v. Cigna Property & Casualty Co.* Served as lead counsel in a successful representation of a major tire manufacturer in a breach of contract and bad faith claim regarding foreign coverage obligations relating to underlying alleged tire failure cases.
- *In re Wireless Phone Product Liability Litigation*. Represented Verizon Wireless with respect to its insurance coverage and contractual indemnity rights arising from a multidistrict litigation proceeding involving underlying class actions alleging injuries from wireless phone use.
- *Nilsen v. Union Pacific Railroad Company, et al.* Obtained one of the few rulings ever finding federal pre-emption of Proposition 65, resulting in complete dismissal of all Proposition 65, nuisance, trespass and unfair business practice claims.
- *Union Pacific Railroad Company v AISLIC (AIG)*. Successfully enforced Union Pacific's status as an additional insured and its right to a defense for underlying toxic tort actions.
- *Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Co. v. Pacific Insurance Co.* Successfully represented a railroad in multimillion dollar arbitration regarding applicability of indemnity provisions in an industry detour agreement to train collision and derailment in Acoma, Nevada.
- *Southern California Gas Co. v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's/London*. Successfully prosecuted a complex action against over a dozen insurers for coverage for environmental claims at over 40 sites throughout California.
- *Bijan Designer for Men, Inc. v. First Specialty Insurance Co.* Successfully represented a leading fashion designer in an action against an insurer and broker for coverage for theft losses relating to a London jewelry heist.

COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States District Court for the Central District of California 1988; various pro hac vice appearances in state and federal courts

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel

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- Member, Board of Directors, Los Angeles County Bar Foundation (2004–present)
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Task Force on Environmental Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Member, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Member, German-American Chamber of Commerce
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ARTICLES

"Minimize Coverage Disputes with Better Communication." *The Risk Report* Vol. 29, No. 10 (June 2007).

SPEECHES

"Who Owes Whom What? Indemnity and Additional Insured Issues." Annual Risk & Insurance Management Society Conference, Orlando, FL (2009).

"The Additional Headaches of Additional Insureds: Understanding Certificates, Indemnity Provisions, and Additional Insured Rights." Oregon E-Day, Portland, OR (June 2008).

"A Survival Guide For Navigating Additional Insured and Indemnity Rights." Annual Risk & Insurance Management Society Conference, San Diego, CA (2008).

"Additional Insureds, Indemnitors and Insurers: Who Owes Whom What?" Annual Risk & Insurance Management Society Conference, New Orleans, LA (2007).

"Fundamentals of Insurance." Mealey's, Washington, DC (February 2007). Co-Chair.

"The Threat of Avian Flu: Insurance/Reinsurance Implications." Mealey's National Teleconference (November 2006).

IN THE NEWS

"Treasury Report May Decide Fate of Terrorism Insurance." *CBS Marketwatch.com* (June 17, 2005).

"DataPoints: Standalone Insurance Coverage Hot Commodity." *Property Protection Report* (June 2, 2005).

"LegalBeat: Picking the Best Homeland Security Practice Group." *Property Protection Report* (June 2, 2005).

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"Latest Allegations Open New Direction In Insurance Investigation."
Associated Press (May 27, 2005).