



**William T. Um**

Partner

William Um is a Partner in the Insurance Recovery and Commercial Trial practice groups who specializes in complex business litigation, insurance coverage advice and related coverage litigation. He has advised and represented Fortune 500 companies, small businesses and individuals faced with substantial insurance coverage disputes involving, among other things, class actions, media liability, environmental contamination, directors and officers liability, asbestos and silicosis liability and various toxic tort matters. Mr. Um also has handled general business litigation matters, involving complex commercial contracts, fraud and misrepresentation claims, and unfair competition and unfair business practices.

He has extensive experience in major, multiparty complex litigation matters in both state and federal courts. In addition to trial work, Mr. Um has obtained several multimillion-dollar arbitration awards and successfully negotiated numerous complex settlements. Mr. Um was one of the trial counsel who obtained one of the largest defense fee arbitration awards in California.

In 2006, he was recognized by *Law & Politics* magazine and *Los Angeles* magazine as a "Southern California Super Lawyer Rising Star" in the field of Insurance Coverage.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- *Insurance coverage for human rights cases.* Acted as counsel for Unocal Corporation, Union Oil Company of California and Chevron Corporation in a complex insurance recovery action seeking coverage for liability arising from alleged human rights violations in connection with the construction of a gas pipeline in Burma.
- *Royal Indemnity Company, Inc. v. Intermix Media, Inc.* Served as counsel for Intermix Media, Inc. seeking to enforce liability coverage rights relating to numerous underlying class action security matters.
- *Legal Malpractice Representation.* Representation of large international law firm in complex action involving negligence claims for failure to obtain insurance coverage for a previous litigation matter.
- *Lockheed Martin v. Continental Ins. Co., et al.* Obtained one of the largest fee arbitration awards on behalf of Lockheed Martin for defense of multiple complex underlying toxic tort actions.
- *Ludgate Ins. Co. v. Lockheed Martin Corp.* Represented Lockheed

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**ADMISSIONS**

California

**EDUCATION**

Boston University School of Law  
(JD, 1993), *cum laude*

University of California - Irvine  
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Martin in a multimillion-dollar insurance recovery action for environmental contamination and toxic tort claims at several sites throughout the United States.

- *Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles v. Centennial Ins. Co., et al.* Obtained one of the largest hourly fee rate awards in Cumis counsel arbitration for defense of an underlying class action.
- *Insurance coverage for securities broker-dealer claims.* Successfully obtained insurance coverage benefits for WMA Securities, Inc. with respect to claims against broker-dealer regarding action of sales representatives.

## COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States District Court for the Central District of California

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Member of Litigation and Torts and Insurance Practice Sections
- Member, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- California State Bar Association, Member of Insurance Law Committee and Business Law Section
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association

## PRO BONO

- Represented MALDEF in preparation of Amicus Brief to the United States Supreme Court; assisted the Alliance for Children's Rights in adoption proceedings; and handled matters for indigent clients through Public Counsel and Bet Tzedek.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, Finance Committee, Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

## PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

### SPEECHES

"Insurance Coverage Issues for Data Security and Data Loss Liability." RIMS Webinar (October 15, 2008). Panelist. Presented with Amy J. Fink, Stephen V. Masterson, Scott T. Schutte.

"Emerging Issues in California Indoor Air Quality and Toxic Mold Litigation." National Business Institute, Los Angeles, California (January 2002).

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"Confronting Terrorist Risk: Post September 11th Legal and Risk Management Insurance Developments." Panelist, Los Angeles and Irvine, California (December 2001).