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Benjamin represents insurance carriers seeking recovery against responsible third parties for various types of claims including, but not limited to, property damage claims involving fire and water losses. He has extensive experience litigating complex, high-exposure cases involving product liability, construction defect, professional negligence, and public entity liability.

Prior to joining the firm, Benjamin practiced at an Am Law 100 law firm in Los Angeles, representing clients in complex civil cases involving toxic tort, environmental, and products liability. He also served as counsel for a Fortune 100 insurance company, where he litigated hundreds of cases involving transportation, premises, and products liability.

Benjamin earned his law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law with a certificate in Dispute Resolution and his bachelor's degree in Business Management Economics from the University of California Santa Cruz. While in law school, Benjamin served as editor-in-chief of the *Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal*, president of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, and as a judicial extern for the Honorable Debra K. Weintraub of the Los Angeles Superior Court. He is fluent in Korean.

Experience

Secured a favorable settlement in a long-running matter that began as the defense of a wrongful death suit and concluded with recovery on a subrogation claim. We first won summary judgment on the wrongful death claim against our client and simultaneously won summary adjudication on the question of liability on the cross-complaint that we filed against a commercial tenant responsible for related property damage. We then obtained an assignment of a bad faith claim from the tenant to pursue its carrier and filed a bad faith claim against the carrier, which settled.

Served on the trial team that secured a favorable verdict after five-week jury trial in a catastrophic injury case into which we were brought less than a month pre-trial. The defense team had many hurdles to overcome, including a taped admission of liability; two admissions of liability for the accident at issue during the deposition of the client's employee; and the concurring opinion of a defense-appointed medical examiner that the double level cervical fusion one of the plaintiffs required, and which carried a projected \$9,000,000 price tag in past and future medical bills, was causally related to the accident. After almost four days of deliberations, the 12-person jury delivered a verdict for all five plaintiffs that totaled \$3.7 million -- a fraction of the \$43 million sought.

Practice Areas

- Product Liability
- Subrogation & Recovery

Industry Sectors

- Insurance

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, J.D., 2016
- University of California, Santa Cruz, B.A., 2011

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York
- Nevada

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Central District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of California

Affiliations

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Korean American Bar Association of Southern California

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