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Dennis Rolstad advises and defends insurance companies, fiduciaries, self-insured employers, and their vendors and consultants in healthcare, ERISA, construction coverage, and other insurance litigation. His practice includes matters involving bad faith and coverage litigation, provider claims, welfare and pension benefits, fiduciary duties, and construction coverage and defects. He particularly represents and counsels payors and other insurers in all aspects of healthcare, life, accident, and disability matters, including claims involving health plan liability, healthcare service contracts, and health plan network disputes, and mental illness claims.

Dennis devotes a significant part of his practice to managed care litigation and dispute resolution. He represents insurers and other payors, as well as employee benefit plans, fiduciaries, medical management providers, and their vendors, in litigation and arbitration, including trials and appeals. Dennis' experience includes resolving or litigating disputes with providers and members regarding coverage, reimbursement, class actions, and other payment disputes.

Dennis handles cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts throughout the United States including jury trials and all aspects of litigation, arbitration, and appellate proceedings. He also litigates class actions and other complex litigation, business suits, and various media and intellectual property matters.

In addition to his litigation work, Dennis is a proponent of alternative dispute resolution and creatively resolves matters of all sizes.

Before joining Hinshaw, Dennis practiced for fifteen years at the headquarters of an international firm in San Francisco.

While in law school, he was an extern for the Honorable William J. Rea of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Professional Affiliations

- Defense Research Institute, Member, 2002 Present
- California State Bar Association, Member, 1990 Present
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Member, 1996 Present
- Federal Bar Association, Member, 1998 Present

Practices

Commercial Litigation

Life, Health, Disability & ERISA Litigation

Industries

Insurance & Reinsurance

Insurer Litigation — Bad Faith/ Extra-Contractual

Education

J.D., University of California Los Angeles School of Law, 1990

B.A., Stanford University, 1987

Admissions

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of California



Presentations

Dennis makes frequent presentations on insurance, healthcare, ERISA, and construction topics to clients and industry professionals, including:

- Presenter, "California Claims-Handling Regulations," Presentation to Client TPA, January 18, 2018
- Presenter, "Rescission of Health Policies," Client Presentation, June 24, 2016
- Co-Presenter, "Construction Defect Coverage," Client Presentation, July 1, 2014
- Co-Presenter, "Protecting Yourself From Legal Problems: Audits, Lawsuits and Insurance Issues," National Center for Employee Ownership, Meeting on Fiduciary Issues for Internal ESOP Trustees, San Francisco, California, June 2009

Publications

- Contributing Author, Managed Care Litigation, ABA Health Law Section, 2013 2020 Editions
- Co-Editor, "Insurance" chapters, California Practice Guide: Insurance Litigation, published by The Rutter Group, 2008 – 2016
- Co-Author, "Supreme Court Decision: Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. v. Glenn, _ S.Ct. _, 2008 WL 2444796 (June 19, 2008)
 (U.S. Supreme Court Docket No. 06-923)," The Voice, Defense Research Institute, June 2008

Personal

Raised in Alaska, Dennis loves the outdoors, music, art, and time with family.

Community/Civic Activities

St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Elder, Clerk of Session, Deacon, various years from 1999

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