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OVERVIEW

Dustin is a associate in the firm's Insurance + Reinsurance Litigation group. He focuses his practice on complex insurance coverage and bad faith litigation involving significant financial exposure and novel questions of policy interpretation and application.

Dustin represents clients in disputes involving various types of insurance, including primary and excess directors and officers, employment practices liability, commercial general liability, environmental liability, errors and omissions, and other professional and commercial liability policies. His experience includes resolving disputes concerning defense and indemnity obligations, independent counsel, policy limits demands, allocation, exhaustion, priority of coverage, reimbursement, contribution, subrogation, and other issues arising out of complex coverage disputes. In addition to providing advice and counseling regarding sophisticated coverage issues and pre-suit coverage disputes, Dustin is experienced in all stages of coverage litigation, including taking a primary role in dispositive motions, discovery, expert witness issues, and alternative dispute resolution. Dustin's practice also includes assisting clients with responding to complaints lodged with state departments of insurance.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*: Insurance Law (2026-2027)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Professional Liability

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- Directors + Officers Insurance

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- Employment Practices Liability
- Environmental Insurance Coverage
- Excess + Surplus Lines
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Litigation + Trial
- Mass Torts Claims + Litigation
- Professional Liability

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Extern, Judge Stephen V. Wilson, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2012-2013

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., 2013, chief productions editor, *UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal*; participant, Street Law program
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2010, political science

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, "2024 D&O and Professional Liability Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, February 12, 2025.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability – 2023: A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 28, 2024.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability 2022 | A Year in Review," *Troutman Pepper*, February 6, 2023.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability Update 2018: A Year in Review," *Troutman Sanders*, January 31, 2019.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability Update 2017: A Year in Review," *Troutman Sanders*, February 8, 2018.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability Update 2016: A Year in Review," *Troutman Sanders*, February 27, 2017.
- Contributor, "D&O and Professional Liability Update 2015: A Year In Review," *Troutman Sanders*, March 26, 2016.