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PROFILE

Ms. Pereira's practice focuses on advising and counseling clients regarding their insurance coverage and potential insurance claims. When coverage is potentially available, she will aggressively pursue it through direct negotiation, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures, or filing coverage litigation. Ms. Pereira also has extensive experience participating in mediations on behalf of clients seeking to resolve lawsuits against them with insurance proceeds. Ms. Pereira has successfully represented policyholders in obtaining insurance coverage for a wide variety of third party actions, as well as first-party claims involving property damage and business interruption losses. Her experience includes matters involving nearly all types of liability policies, including general liability (CGL) policies, director and officer (D&O) liability policies, errors and omissions (E&O) policies, employment practices liability (EPL) policies, financial lines policies, media and internet liability policies, professional liability policies, environmental impairment liability (EIL) policies, pollution legal liability (PLL) policies, and reinsurance policies. She has also successfully litigated a variety of toxic tort matters, including claims alleging exposure to toxic mold. Ms. Pereira has been recognized as a top attorney and rising star by publications such as *Los Angeles Magazine* and *Law & Politics*.

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan, J.D. *cum laude*, 1995
- First Place, Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
- University of Michigan, M.A. Journalism, 1992



- University of Michigan, B.A. Political Science, 1990

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Defended property owners against \$12MM reimbursement action brought by insurance carriers after settlement of underlying property damage lawsuits with insurance proceeds. The carriers' action was dismissed in full after we obtained partial summary judgment for property owners
- Represented owners of apartment building in \$2MM action against liability carriers to enforce coverage for class action lawsuit involving alleged bed bugs and other uninhabitable conditions. The lawsuit settled favorably for client
- Represented Internet company in litigation seeking insurance coverage for alleged privacy violations. Case settled favorably for client after successful appeal to the Ninth Circuit
- Represented medical products company in litigation seeking insurance coverage for product disparagement claims. Case settled favorably for client before trial
- Represented automobile manufacturer and owner/operator of lead smelter in separate litigations seeking insurance coverage for environmental liabilities under CGL policies. Matters resolved favorably for clients
- Represented corporate client in multiple mediations seeking insurance coverage for intellectual property liabilities under financial lines insurance policies. Claims settled favorably for client
- Represented gasoline refinery in action filed against numerous insurance companies seeking coverage for fire damage and business interruption losses under first-party property policy. Case settled favorably for client before trial
- Represented furniture company in litigation involving failed implementation of computer software system. Case settled favorably before trial
- Represented investment group plaintiff in litigation filed against corporation based on breach of lease guarantees. Case settled favorably before trial

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Guest Lecturer, "Insurance Law," UCLA School of Law
- Co-Author, "Turning Mold Into Gold," *The Recorder*, May 7, 2001
- Co-Author of article in *Urban Land Magazine*, June 2002 re: California's regulation of toxic mold
- In-House Instructor to Industry, California's Regulation of Toxic Mold and Insurance Coverage for Mold Liabilities