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Bryan P. Vezey counsels and represents insurers in complex coverage and liability matters involving, among other things, construction defects, premises liability, security negligence, alter ego liability, construction site-related personal injury, environmental clean-up costs, Chinese drywall, mold, asbestos, silica, and industrial equipment failures. Bryan also frequently acts as local counsel for the firm's bankruptcy attorneys at Houston's increasingly busy bankruptcy court.

Bryan has been a featured author in the Houston Business Journal, a seminar speaker for the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, and a contributing author to the American Bar Association's Coverage journal and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel's Insurance Coverage Newsletter.

Bryan is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Insurance Coverage Litigation and its Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section. He is also a member of the State Bar of Texas Litigation and Insurance Law Sections, the Houston Bar Association Litigation Section.

Bryan received his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Dallas in 1989, and his law degree from the South Texas College of Law in 1993, where he was a Law Review editor and comment author.

Experience

Won summary judgment in an insurance coverage dispute centered on claims and losses arising from the installation of defective drywall in a luxury condominium complex in Florida. The general contractor and drywall subcontractor sought several million dollars in compensatory and bad faith damages, alleging that our client delayed resolution of the claims. In granting summary judgment, the court accepted our argument that the client had no duty to indemnify under controlling California law because the underlying claims had been settled, and therefore there was no court-ordered judgment triggering an indemnity obligation under the policies at issue. The court further agreed that the confession of judgment doctrine was inapplicable in this case.

Summary judgment granted to Cozen O'Connor's client in coverage dispute arising out of an underlying wrongful death case that had generated a \$12 million jury verdict. *Evanston Ins. Co. v. Sunset Ranches Co., LLC*, No. EP-CA-456-FM (W.D. Tex. 2010).

Summary judgment rulings on complex coverage issues arising out of an oil release from a refinery into flood waters. *Coffeyville Res. Ref. & Mfg. Co. v. Liberty Surplus Lines Ins. Co., et al.*, 748 F. Supp. 2d 1261 (D. Kan. 2010).

Summary judgment granted to Cozen O'Connor's client in dispute between insurers concerning responsibility for defense costs in an underlying matter. *Hartford Acc. and Indem. Co. v. Westchester Surplus Lines Ins. Co.*, No. 10-24590-CIV-KING (S.D. Fla. 2012)

Practice Areas

- Bad Faith
- Insurance Coverage

Industry Sectors

- Insurance

Education

- South Texas College of Law, J.D., 1993
- University of Dallas, B.A., 1989

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- Texas Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Texas

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Houston Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
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