



Jeremiah Welch serves as Managing Partner of SDV's West Coast office and as a member of the firm's Executive committee. He has represented major stakeholders in some of the most significant construction disasters of the past decade, including the Florida University bridge collapse, the Louisiana Hard Rock Hotel collapse, and the "tilting" San Francisco Millennium Tower. Jeremiah also played a key role as coverage counsel to stakeholders in the post-9/11 World Trade Center debris removal litigation.

His experience deems him one of the foremost leaders in handling complex insurance challenges that require creativity and tenacity. He guided a major retailer through the complex business interruption coverage challenges following the devastating trio of hurricanes Katrina, Wilma, and Rita. Jeremiah also won coverage for an airline whose pilot was mistakenly seized by a foreign government and imprisoned in one of the world's worst prisons.

ADMISSIONS

- California
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- New Jersey
- New York
- Texas
- 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, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

- Pepperdine University, Juris Doctor
- University of Rhode Island, Bachelor of Arts

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Outside the courtroom, Jeremiah is amongst the insurance industry's most-respected scholars. He provides education, training, and advice as a consultant to insured corporations and several of the world's largest retail and wholesale brokerages. As an architect of the innovative and industry-leading Labor Guard Insurance Program, Jeremiah has forged a path of insurance product innovation based on cooperative risk management between the insurer and the insured. Overall, Jeremiah's practice is focused on leveraging a 25-year culmination of knowledge and experience very few insurance professionals have – litigation of some of the country's most significant insurance disputes, combined with day-to-day challenges facing brokers and their clients, and placing complex coverage for many of the largest commercial and civil construction projects.

"Clients want practical advice. 'How does what you're telling me matter in the real world?' You only get there by understanding the whole industry – by knowing the insurance transaction from start to finish, by appreciating the different perspectives, and, most importantly, how it fits into the client's business model," Jeremiah states.

A U.S. Army Veteran and Connecticut native, Jeremiah joined SDV in 2007 and returned to California in 2016 to establish the firm's West Coast office. Jeremiah currently resides in Fallbrook, California with his family.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- California Bar Association
- Connecticut Bar Association, Insurance Law Section
- New York Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

- Distinguished Leader Award, California Legal Awards, 2024

EXTERNAL PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- Project-Specific Policies and Products-Completed Operations Hazard Extensions
- “Protecting Yourself from Downstream Risks,” featured in FMJ Magazine
- Beware of the Dangers of Designating a Project “Premises” When Using the ISO CG 21 44 or its Equivalents
- Advice for Providing Notice for D&O Policies Renewing During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Coverage Implications for COVID-19 Project Shutdowns
- “Protecting Yourself from Downstream Risks” FMJ Magazine, May/June 2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Fenchurch Law Webinar
- 2024 Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference
- 2023 IRMI Construction Risk Conference
- 2023 AGC Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference
- Orange County RIMS Presentation and Networking Reception
- Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) Procurement & Contracting Summit
- IRMI Construction Risk [Virtual] Conference
- USC Enterprise Risk Management Class Insurance Industry Panel
- Sky v. Riverstone and What it Means for the Builders Risk Market