



Will maintains an active litigation practice focused on complex insurance recovery actions across the country, having recovered more than \$250,000,000 on behalf of his clients. In addition to his bar admissions in California, Connecticut, and New York, Will is often admitted pro hac vice in other state and federal court jurisdictions, having represented clients in more than a dozen other jurisdictions. He has handled cases from the initial pre-litigation stages of strategy all the way through trial to verdict as lead counsel and on appeal. Will often counsels commercial, civil, and residential construction companies, as well as real estate developers. However, Will also regularly represents myriad other types of policyholders, including non-profits, universities, tech companies, manufacturers, retailers, jewelers, engineers, architects, rental companies, environmental companies, cannabis producers, farmers, food suppliers, solar companies, restaurants, and individuals. These disputes have involved a wide array of subjects, from construction catastrophe and defect to pollution liability to contaminated food recalls to property losses.

## ADMISSIONS

- California
- Connecticut
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern 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. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

## EDUCATION

- Quinnipiac University School of Law, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*
- University of Mary Washington, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*

## PARAPROFESSIONALS

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## PUBLICATIONS

- SDV's 2025 Contractor's Checklist for Owner-Placed Builder's Risk Insurance
- Historical Long-Tail Claims in California Subject to a Vertical Exhaustion Rule
- Nevada Update: Nevada Commissioner of Insurance Updates Burning Limits Statute with Emergency Regulation

Will has helped policyholders recover hundreds of millions of dollars of insurance money across a broad range of different lines of coverage involving the following types of insurance policies:

- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Property
- Builders' Risk
- Excess and Umbrella Liability
- Cyber
- Pollution Liability
- Professional Liability (including directors and officers, errors and omissions, contractors' or owners' professional and protective indemnity, and others)
- Product Recall
- Product Contamination
- Subcontractor Default
- Excess Workers' Compensation
- Employment Practices Liability
- Kidnap & Ransom
- Jewelers Block
- Private All Risk Jewelry
- Marine Cargo
- Homeowners

He is also intimately familiar with non-traditional variations of these lines of coverage such as consolidated insurance programs, additional insured coverage, pooled limits policies, high-SIR and close of escrow homebuilder programs, and self-insurance.

Will is also regularly called upon to assist in the policy placement process. In this role, Will helps policyholders, often in collaboration with their brokers, put together a comprehensive coverage program where all lines of coverage work seamlessly together to avoid gaps. This direct work with brokers and underwriters gives him a broad practical understanding of the insurance market and its intent. Will regularly assists with other

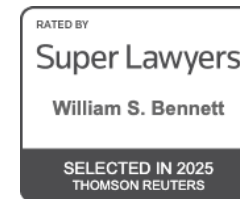
- Nevada Legislature Burns Insurers' Rights to Offer Eroding Limits
- Will Bennett Featured on Insuring Cyber Podcast

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2024 IRMI Construction Risk Conference (CRC)
- The Seminar Group's 29th Annual Oregon Construction Law
- IRMI Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference (AgriCon)
- Associated General Contractors Legal Advisory Committee (AGC LAC) Legal Retreat
- Webinar: Insurance in Construction
- Associated General Contractors 2024: The Construction Association Convention
- IRMI Emmett J. Vaughan Agribusiness Conference
- 2023 IRMI Construction Risk Conference
- Orange County RIMS Meeting Education & Networking Event
- ABA Forum on Construction Law 2023 Regional (San Francisco)
- Decoding the ISO CGL Form: Mastering the Basics of Commercial General Liability Insurance
- Risk Management Society (RIMS) RiskWorld 2023
- POSTPONED: ABC Wisconsin – The Number One Underinsured Risk Construction Companies Face in 2023
- The Seminar Group's Construction Law in Montana
- 2025 Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference
- 2025 Construction Financial Management Association's (CFMA) Annual Conference & Exhibition

aspects of risk transfer and is often asked to draft and revise contracts to ensure successful risk transfer occurs when disputes later arise. In this capacity, Will has also litigated numerous disputes over contractual indemnification obligations.

Will regularly presents on insurance coverage and risk transfer topics at seminars and conferences nationwide. He has authored dozens of articles, white papers, and insights, for numerous publications including Risk Magazine and California Constructor Magazine. Outside of the office, Will enjoys nearly any outdoor activity, playing music, and cooking and barbecuing. He lives in Temecula, California with his wife.



## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Associated General Contractors of California (AGC) – Legal Advisory Committee

## PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

- Lawyers on the Fast Track Honoree, California Legal Awards, 2025
- Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2021-2025

## EXTERNAL PUBLICATIONS

- "Reconceiving Builder's Risk Coverage for General Conditions and Requirements", *California Constructor* magazine, May 2024
- "Groundbreaking Nev. Law May Alter Insurance Landscape", *Law360*, July 2023
- "9 Basic Strategies for Pursuing Coverage for Construction Accident Claims", *Lexology*, August 2022
- "Will Your Cyber Insurance Program Respond if Western Sanctions on Russia Lead to Cyber-Attacks in the West?", *Lexology*, June 2022
- "Construction Calamity: Risk Transfer Tips for Contractors After a Catastrophic Loss", *Risk Management*, June 2020
- "Maryland Finally Set to Diagnose an Allocation Method for Progressive Injuries", *Lexology*, December 2019
- "Litigation Tests Limits of Insurance 'Elective Stacking' Rule", *The Daily Journal*, October 2017