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Michael Bernacchi is a trial attorney whose practice is devoted to both commercial litigation and defense of life, health, disability, and property/casualty insurance claims. He has engaged in civil litigation and trials in state and federal courts for over twenty-five years, having litigated over 250 cases in federal court alone. He has tried numerous cases to judgment, handling them up through the appellate court level of review. His business litigation experience includes complex business disputes, including actions under Business and Professions Code §17200, and litigation involving Proposition 64. He specializes in defending bad faith and ERISA claims but also has experience in property and casualty cases and environmental coverage disputes. In the last year alone, he has successfully dismissed bad faith and punitive damages in two separate first party insurance lawsuits.

Mike received his B.A. degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1988 (*cum laude* in political science) and his J.D. degree from Loyola Law School of Los Angeles in 1992. While at Loyola, Mike was a note and comment editor for the *Loyola Law Review*.

PRACTICES

Insurance Coverage and Litigation

Litigation

Real Estate and Business Law

EDUCATION

J.D., Loyola Law School Los Angeles, 1992

B.A., cum laude in Political Science University of California, Berkeley, 1988

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for the Central District of California

United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for the Northern District of California

United States District Court for the Southern District of California

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