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Professional Experience

James I. Montgomery is a partner, and a civil litigation trial lawyer with over thirty-six years of litigation experience in the practice areas of civil trial and appellate law, insurance defense, products liability, and commercial law.

Mr. Montgomery specializes in the analysis, negotiation, and defense of civil litigation matters, including automobile accidents, premises liability, construction defects, land subsidence, landlord-tenant habitability, toxic torts, construction accidents, personal injury, professional liability, products liability, and major losses. His experience in the litigation of toxic tort matters includes the involvement of exposures to asbestos, benzene, rodent allergens, and mold. His insurance defense experience includes cases arising out of commercial, homeowners, and automobile policies.

Mr. Montgomery also has a significant amount of trial experience with a high success rate. Notably, Mr. Montgomery was called upon by a client to replace ineffective counsel in a wrongful death action just prior to trial. Adding to the case complications, he inherited the case burdened with a terminating sanction order. Despite the obstacles, Mr. Montgomery was successful in achieving a defense verdict for the client.

Mr. Montgomery has been a member of the State Bar of California since 1981, and he is admitted to practice in all courts in the State of California. He is a former President of the African American Insurance Professionals Foundation, former president of the John M. Langston Bar Association, a member of the Langston Bar Association Hall of Fame, a member of the National Bar Association, a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, a member of Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, a member of The Chancery Club of Los Angeles and a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Mr. Montgomery is also listed in Strathmore's Who's Who.

Mr. Montgomery earned his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law in 1981. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Sociology from Northwestern University in 1978. Mr. Montgomery is a passionate supporter of the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles, (ICYOLA), and a member of its Board of Directors.

Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Law
- Insurance Law & Risk Management

Education

- University of California at Los Angeles School of Law (J.D.), Los Angeles, CA, 1981
 - Moot Court Honors Program
- Northwestern University (B.A., Political Science and Sociology), Evanston, IL, 1978

Bar Admissions

- California Bar No. 101123, 1981

Representative Clients and Experience

- Clarendon National Insurance Company
- QBE the Americas
- Praetorian Insurance Company
- Adventist Risk Management, Inc.
- North American Risk Services
- York Insurance Services Group, Inc.

Professional Memberships

- State Bar of California
- African American Insurance Professionals Foundation (President 2006-2016)
- John M. Langston Bar Association (President 1996)
- National Bar Association
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- The Chancery Club of Los Angeles
- ABOTA - American Board of Trial Advocates Rank: Associate

Honors & Awards

- Minority Leaders of Influence: Attorneys, Los Angeles Business Journal, January 2021
- Los Angeles Business Journal Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers, July 2020
- Strathmore's Who's Who
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- John M. Langston Bar Association Hall of Fame Inductee