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Professional Experience

Prior to joining Gibbs Giden Mr. Adams was a licensed Property and Casualty broker responsible for placing construction project (OCIP/CCIP, Owner/GC Project Specific and Owner's Interest) and practice policies. Team placed roughly \$150M+ in annual premiums equating to billions of dollars in construction value and hundreds of wrap-ups and other project placements. Mr. Adams worked with retail brokers nationwide to generate opportunities and provide primary and excess project solutions to the largest general contractors, developers and Fortune 500 companies in the country. Projects ranged from \$5M-\$1B+ in value and included stadiums, airports, high rises, infrastructure, malls, hotels, condominiums, apartments, distressed assets, partially completed projects, takeover projects, completed operations run-off programs, maintenance wrap-ups, large excess limits, follow form excess products and home-builder programs. Mr. Adams is a sought-after speaker at seminars across the country regarding high level construction risk management and insurance topics with a focus on creating new products, program design and industry education. Mr. Adams spent a more than a decade as founding member of full service litigation law firms. His primary practice areas include common interest development law, construction defect litigation, insurance bad faith and business representation/litigation. He has represented homeowner associations as general counsel, handling all aspects of client needs from day-to-day management, governing document

drafting/enforcement, contract formation/negotiation, collections to litigation. He represents clients in mediation, arbitration, trial, and/or other informal dispute resolution mechanisms resulting in favorable outcomes.

Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Common Interest Community Law
- Construction Law
- Insurance Law & Risk Management

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D.), Malibu, CA, 2001
- University of San Diego School of Law, Institute of International Comparative Law San Diego, CA
- University of Barcelona / Oxford University, Summer 1999
- Central Michigan University, Bachelor of Science (*Cum Laude*), Mt. Pleasant, MI 1998

Bar Admissions

- California Bar
- U.S. District Court, Central District,
- State of Tennessee (Inactive)

Professional Memberships

- Encino Lawyers Association
- American Institute of Mediation - Mediation Certification for Commercial and Litigated Cases
- Community Associations Institute (CAI);
- Property & Casualty Broker/Agent – California
- Construction Risk and Insurance Specialist (CRIS)
- South Coast Homeowners Association;
- California Legislative Action Committee (CLAC);

- South Coast Mediation Association;
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles;
- American Trial Lawyers Association;
- Consumer Attorneys of California;
- Calabasas Chamber of Commerce;
- Ventura County Bar Association;
- Association of Surfing Lawyers (founding member)

Speaking Engagements

- Advanced Topics in Additional Insured Risk Transfer
- Emerging Issues in Insurance Coverage and Risk Transfer
- SDV Summit: Construction Defect Roundtable
- Assurex Construction Practice Group Seminar
- Construction Insurance University
- MCLE Lecture – “Ethics In Legal Advertising”

Publications

- (Author) “Evidence at trial: Mistakes I made so you don’t have to.” Advocate Magazine
- (Author) “Toxic Mold” Ventura County Star
- (Author) “New Construction Law Effects Every Homeowner” Ventura County Star
- (Author) “Judge Ross. . . You’re Fired” Citations, Ventura County Bar Association Magazine
- (Co-Author) “What is Disability Discrimination?” Ventura County Star
- (Co-Author) “What if Your Insurance Company Denies Your Claim?” Ventura County Star
- (Co-Author) “What is Insurance Bad Faith and How Does it Affect You?” Ventura County Star
- (Co-Author) “Fire Victims Beware” Ventura County Star
- (Co-Author) “Insurance Policyholders Beware” Ventura County Star

Honors & Awards

- Southern California “Super Lawyer – Rising Star” in the area of construction defect litigation
- “Top 40 Under 40” – National Trial Lawyers Association
- Invitee of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum