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Professional Experience:

James I. Montgomery, Jr. is senior counsel at the firm. He is a civil litigation trial lawyer with over thirty years of litigation experience in the practice areas of civil trial and appellate law, insurance defense, products liability, and commercial law. Mr. Montgomery is a former partner of a prominent insurance and commercial law defense firm.

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 insurance defense experience includes cases arising out of commercial, homeowners and automobile policies.

Mr. Montgomery’s representative clients include QBE Insurance Company, Clarendon National Insurance Company, Adventist Risk Management, Inc., North American Risk Services, and York Insurance Services Group, Inc.

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. He is President of the African American Insurance Professionals Foundation; former president of the John M. Langston Bar Association; a member of the National Bar Association; a member Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM); and a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel. Mr. Montgomery is listed in Strathmore’s Who’s Who and is the firm’s primary attorney involved with the CLM.

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.

Practice Areas:

Civil Trial and Appellate Practice; Insurance Defense Litigation; Products Liability Litigation; Construction Defect Litigation; Premises Liability Litigation; Toxic Torts Litigation; Landlord Tenant Habitability Litigation; Commercial Law Litigation

Education:

University of California at Los Angeles School of Law (J.D.), Los Angeles, CA, 1981

Honors:

Moot Court Honors Program

Northwestern University (B.A., Political Science and Sociology), Evanston, IL, 1978

Professional Memberships and Associations:

State Bar of California

African American Insurance Professionals Foundation (President)

John M. Langston Bar Association (member, President 1996)

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

National Bar Association

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

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.

Honors and Awards:

Strathmore's Who's Who