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Areas of Practice:

Bad Faith & Extra-Contractual Liability
Medical Liability & Health Care
Product Liability Defense
Professional Liability
Transportation Defense
Wrongful Death & Personal Injury Defense

Industries Served:

Insurance
Medical Service Providers
Professional Service Providers
Retail & Hospitality
Transportation

Jack Klecan has more than 45 years of experience focusing his practice on bad faith and extra-contractual liability, medical liability and health care, product liability defense, professional liability, transportation defense and wrongful death and personal injury defense. He is committed to defending clients from a range of industries including insurance, healthcare, hospitality, and transportation.

Jack has handled hundreds of important verdicts in Arizona and New Mexico. He has served as lead counsel in more than 250 jury trials involving product liability, legal malpractice, medical malpractice, professional liability and personal injury cases. On behalf of a Country Club in eastern New Mexico, Jack successfully handled a \$1-million subrogation recovery for an insurer in a botulism poisoning case involving canned goods.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

CASES

- *Hopi Tribe v. Snowbowl*, 245 Az 397, (2018), case on nuisance from snowmaking process
- *Trujillo v. City of Albuquerque*, 125 NM 721, (1998), affirmed constitutionality of Tort Claims Cap
- *United Nuclear v. Cranford Insurance*, 905 F2d 1424, (10th Cir, 1990), document sharing
- *Calkins v. Cox Estates*, 110 NM 59, (1990), doctrine of remoteness/duty
- *Richter v. Van Amberg*, 97 F.Supp.2d 1255, (D, NM 2000), attorney duties regarding partnership
- *Matter of Will of Coe*, 113 N.M. 355 (1992), widow sued estate lawyer and contested deceased husband's will, decision upheld on appeal

TRIALS

- *Gee v. Roach*, obtained judgment for defendant in defamation case
- *Sanchez v. Dell*, obtained defense verdict in medical malpractice case for radiologist
- *Hernandez v. Zurich Insurance*, co-counsel, obtained defense verdict in bad faith case for insurer

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants in Arizona and New Mexico, 2012-2023; Insurance Law in Arizona, 2022-2023; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, Litigation – Insurance, 2023
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*, Personal Injury, 2011-present

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Product Liability Cases and the Duty to Warn: A 50-State Compendium," Regional Editor, DRI Publications
- Product Liability Seminar, Course Book Editor, ALFA International, 2004
- "Compendium of Products Liability Law Issues," Contributor, ALFA International, 2004
- "Defense of Catastrophic Cases," Client presentation, October 2011
- "Depositions of CEOs and General Counsel: How to Avoid Them and How to Handle Them" (panel moderator), ALFA International Tele-Seminar, September 2009
- "Preparing the Company Witness for Deposition," ALFA International Product Liability Practice Group Seminar, November 2008

EDUCATION

University of New Mexico, J.D.

University of New Mexico, B.A. History

BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2004

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1998

Arizona, 1998

U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1974

U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico, 1974

New Mexico, 1974