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Stephen V. Masterson graduated from George Washington University Law School with honors as a member of the Law Review and received his bachelor's degree in philosophy, magna cum laude, from Amherst College.

Mr. Masterson is an experienced civil litigator specializing in insurance recovery. He represents policyholders in multiparty complex insurance recovery disputes and has special expertise in mass tort, construction, hospitality, aerospace, antitrust, business interruption, indoor air quality, environmental, directors and officers liability, and title insurance issues. Mr. Masterson has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for his policyholder clients.

Mr. Masterson is a well-published authority on insurance and has authored chapters in major legal treatises including, *Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition*, *Appleman Insurance Law Practice Guide*, and *Matthew Bender California Insurance Law and Practice*.

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## BAR ADMISSION

- State of California
- 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 Southern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

## EDUCATION

- J.D. with Honors, George Washington University Law School
- B.A. in Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, Amherst College

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

### INSURANCE COVERAGE

Insurance Coverage Counseling & Litigation

### LITIGATION

Commercial Litigation  
Complex Tort Litigation  
Insurance Coverage Litigation  
Trials & Arbitrations

### PUBLIC ENTITY & ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Public Entity Law & Litigation  
Government Tort Claims

### WRITS & APPEALS

## REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Avery Dennison Corporation
- Chevron Corporation

- Film L.A., Inc.
- Hilton Hotels & Resorts
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego
- United Space Alliance

## BOOKS

- *Appleman on Insurance, Law Library Edition*, co-authored Title Insurance chapter (Lexis/Appleman 2012).
- *Appleman Insurance Law Practice Guide*, co-authored chapter entitled "Understanding Construction Insurance" (Lexis/Appleman 2010).
- *California Insurance Law and Practice*, co-authored Construction Insurance chapter (Lexis/Matthew Bender 2009)
- "In the Wake of Y2K." *International Distribution Law*. C. Slefarth & D. Campbell, 2001, The Year 2000 and Beyond: Liability and Insurance for Computer Code Problems (CCH, 2000), Contributing author.

## ARTICLES

- "Actual Policy Language' May Cover Damage to 'Your Work,'" *Risk* (Fall 2009).
- "Clarifying 'Sudden and Accidental Pollution Coverage.'" *Insurance Law360* (March 18, 2009).
- Insurance: Don't Leave for Beijing Without it," *Los Angeles Daily Journal* (June 24, 2008).
- "The Supreme Court's 2002 Term: Civil Cases Affecting State and Local Governments," *Municipal Lawyer* (November - December, 2003).
- "Potential Ethical Issues in Mold Litigation," Emerging issues in California Indoor Air Quality and Toxic Mold Litigation, *National Business Institute* (2002).
- "Safe and Sound, L.L.P.: Insurance Coverage Can Protect Law Firms Against Disaster," *Texas Lawyer* (July 16, 2001).

- "It May Be Possible to Reconstruct Insurance Policy Lost in the Flood," *Houston Business Journal* (June 22, 2001).
- "Damage Definition: Coverage Between the Bright Lines of Powerine' and 'Foster Gardner,'" *Los Angeles Daily Journal* (February 15, 2001).

## SPEECHES

- "My Child in the Crosswalk - Uninsured Motorist Coverage." ACIC 24th Annual General Counsel Seminar, Las Vegas, NV (July 25, 2013) Panelist.
- "Essentials of Insurance Company Regulation & Operations - What Every Business Lawyer Should Know When Dealing with An Insurance Company, Business Law Section - The Insurance Law Committee (March 24, 2010) Panelist.
- "Insuring Construction Risks," Webinar (November 17, 2009) Panelist.
- "Insurance Coverage Issues for Data Security and Data Loss Liability," RIMS Webinar (October 15, 2008) Panelist.
- "Confirming & Resolving Status of Insureds," Mealey's Additional Insured Conference, Boston, MA and Pasadena, CA (May 2005).
- "Emerging issues in California Indoor Air Quality and Toxic Mold Litigation." National Business Institute, Los Angeles, CA (January 2002) Panelist.
- "Confronting Terrorist Risk: Post September 11 Legal and Risk Management Insurance Developments," Los Angeles, CA (December 2001) Panelist.
- "Point/Counterpoint on the Allocation of Defense Costs Between Covered and Non-Covered Claims," Defense Research Institute Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium, San Francisco, CA (March 2001) Panelist.
- "Advanced Business Interruption Insurance Issues" 38th RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition, San Francisco, CA (April 30, 2000).