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PETER J. SCHULZ

California Insurance Coverage Consulting

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Insurance drives litigation, as the carriers often control the defense and control the settlement. Knowing what the carriers need to take care of their insureds is key.

Peter Schulz has worked with clients from around the country on their West Coast cases. He and his firm have litigated cases in every major county in the State of California. He is “AV” rated by the Martindale-Hubbell law-rating organization and has received that organization’s Platinum Client Champion award.

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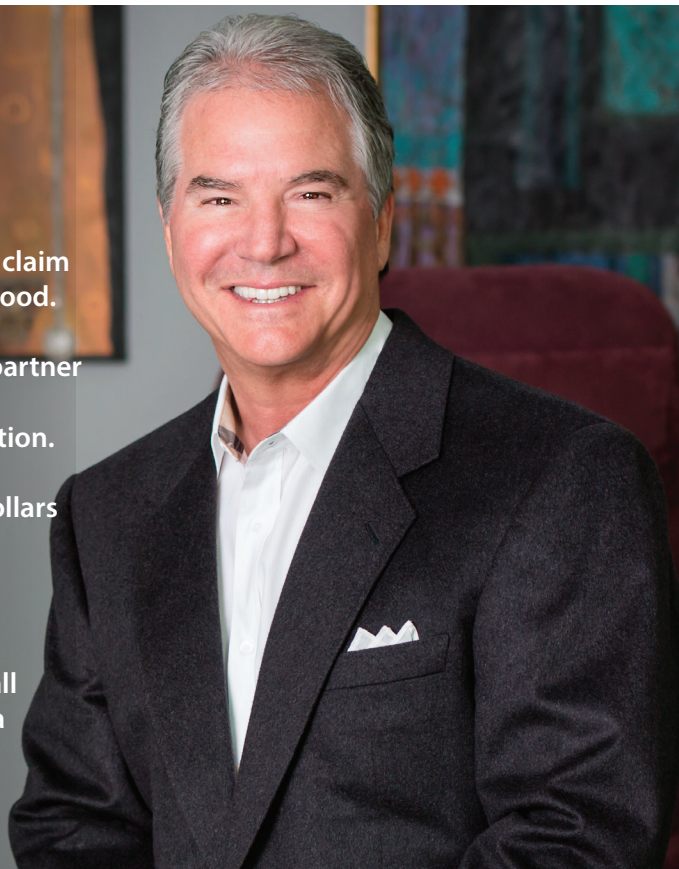
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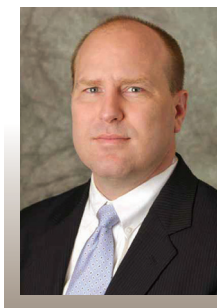
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TOM LACY

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HILLARY B. CASSEL

Hillary B. Cassel, partner and co-founder of Cassel & Cassel, P.A., is a dedicated advocate for residential and commercial property policyholders throughout the State of Florida.

Mrs. Cassel began her legal career practicing as an Assistant State Attorney in Broward County, Florida, trying over 40 cases to verdict. Upon entering private practice, she represented insurance carriers with a focus on multimillion dollar commercial property claims in both State and Federal Court obtaining favorable opinions from the Southern District of Florida and 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mrs. Cassel then shifted her practice solely to the representation of policyholders against their property insurance carriers. Her passion for helping those in need is evident through her litigation as she has time and time again obtained favorable resolutions for her clients alleviating otherwise disastrous circumstances.

Mrs. Cassel has been named a Florida Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine (2015-2018) and has received the highest possible ratings of AV Preeminent and Client Champion Platinum from her peers and clients, respectively, through Martindale-Hubbell. She has also presented to the Florida Association of Public Insurance Adjusters regarding newly released legal opinions.



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