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Kendie Schlecht is counsel in the Newport Beach office, and concentrates her practice in the area of business litigation, with an emphasis on insurance coverage.

Kendie has significant experience in state and federal matters involving insurance bad faith claims, contract disputes, unfair competition claims, and injury to business claims. She has assisted some of the nation's top builders and developers with pursuing insurance coverage under commercial general liability, builder's risk, directors and officers, and errors and omissions policies, and has prosecuted numerous bad faith claims against insurance companies for their failure to defend and indemnify their insureds. Kendie has successfully pursued insurance companies to not only honor their duty to defend and indemnify their insureds, but to also pay their insured's attorneys' fees incurred in obtaining benefits owed under the policies. Kendie's work has resulted in several multi-million dollar settlements from major insurance companies.

Previously, Kendie's work on behalf of the former Chairman and CEO of a local pharmaceuticals company in a securities class action lawsuit resulted in publication of *In re ICN Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Sec. Litig.*, 299 F. Supp. 2d 1055 (C.D. Cal. 2004).

Services

- Business Litigation
- Risk Avoidance, Transfer & Management
- Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation
- Insurance Policy Review & Placement

Professional Affiliations

- Orange County Asian American Bar Association
- Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance
- Orange County Bar Association

Charitable & Civic Involvement

Kendie is a long-time Irvine resident and when not at the office, she is surrounded by children and dogs. She has served her son's school as President (former) and Auditor (current) of the PTA and volunteers significant time to everything from running silent auctions to attending Traffic Commission meetings to ensure safe passage for students to and from school. Kendie is also an Advisory Board member of The Joyful Child Foundation, dedicated to preventing crimes against children through programs that educate, empower, and unite families and communities. And her lifelong passion for dogs has led her to work with several local rescue organizations to foster and transport dogs in need of another chance in life, especially senior and special needs dogs.

Admissions

- California, 1997
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Education

- University of San Diego School of Law (*J.D., cum laude, 1997*)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Associate Editor of the San Diego Law Review
- University of Southern California (*B.A., 1992*)

Matters

Commercial Developer

Defend litigation involving cyber breach.

Client Triumphs in Insurance Bad Faith Lawsuits

We represented a large public company client in dozens of lawsuits initiated by a mammoth insurance company attempting to intimidate the client into walking away from significant insurance policy benefits. We were able to

turn the tide on the insurance company by weaving together from the evidence a compelling story of a pattern and practice of bad faith claims handling conduct. Once the insurer realized that we were going to tell a compelling punitive damage story at trial, a favorable settlement was quickly reached.

Insurance Litigation

Defended dozens of contentious lawsuits by a major insurance carrier seeking to shirk its obligation to defend its insured and/or to seek reimbursement for policy benefits already paid. These actions ended favorably to the insured.