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INSURANCE INDUSTRY PRACTICE: Lafayette & Kumagai LLP handles insurance defense work on behalf of both insurance carriers and insurance policy holders, in matters including product liability and employment litigation. The firm’s attorneys have substantial experience handling cases involving insurance law, including insurance coverage and bad faith claims. Lafayette & Kumagai represents several clients in the insurance industry, including the Prudential Insurance Company of America, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Aetna Life Insurance Company, The Hartford, New York Life Insurance Company and Sedgwick Claims Management Services.

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A founding partner of Lafayette & Kumagai LLP, Gary T. Lafayette graduated from Dartmouth College and received his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall). Mr. Lafayette has an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Employment Law Council and previously served as a member of the NAMWOLF Board of Directors. A highly regarded trial attorney, Mr. Lafayette has tried in excess of thirty cases to verdict. Eighteen of his cases have resulted in published opinions, including a significant Supreme Court housing case, \textit{HUD v. Rucker}, 535 U.S. 125 (2002).

Mr. Lafayette received the 2002 \textit{California Lawyer} of the Year Award and the Charles Houston Bar Association Clinton W. White Advocacy Award. Mr. Lafayette is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and has also been recognized in the Northern California Super Lawyers® list for 2004, 2006 through 2012, and 2014 through 2019. Mr. Lafayette’s recent speaking engagements include “The New Age of Privacy: GDPR,” 2018 NAMWOLF Annual Meeting; “Winning the Certification Battle,” ACI’s Advanced Forum on Wage & Hour Claims and Class Actions; and “This Is #METOO,” National Employment Law Council Silicon Valley Regional Conference.

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Susan T. Kumagai is a founding partner of the firm. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and the University of California at Davis School of Law (King Hall). Ms. Kumagai heads the labor and employment department of the firm and has extensive experience practicing in both federal and state courts. She specializes in labor and employment representing management in the areas of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, whistle-blower, wrongful discharge claims and ERISA.

In 2015, Susan Kumagai was inducted to the California Minority Counsel Program ("CMCP") Diversity Leader Hall of Fame, in recognition of her contributions to diversity in the legal profession and long-term involvement in the organization. She previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of San Francisco and as a member of its Nominating and Judiciary Committees. Ms. Kumagai is an active member of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Solo/Small Firm Committee. She has been recognized in the Northern California Super Lawyers list for 2009 through 2019 and has an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell. She is a frequent speaker for such organizations as the California Continuing Education of the Bar, NAMWOLF, the National Employment Law Council, CMCP and the Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

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WHO WE ARE

Uncompromising quality. Unwavering dedication. Unqualified candor. These are the core values Livingston Law Firm brings to every engagement. We provide our clients with high-quality, cost-effective legal services and make every case a priority. We strive to obtain the best result at the earliest opportunity for every client we represent. This is not just our promise, it is the way we built our reputation.

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- Member, IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt & Government Entities

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- White Collar Criminal
- Wrongful Death / Personal Injury

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SAMPLE INSURANCE EXPERTISE

As summarized below, Pugh, Jones & Johnson, P.C. (PJJ) handles a wide variety of insurance matters representing carriers, intermediaries, and policyholders.

FIRST PARTY ACTIONS

PJJ attorneys have represented clients in first party actions involving losses due to theft, fires, windstorms, floods and other calamities. For example, on behalf of an insurance carrier, we defended coverage claims arising out of employee theft and forgery. After a fire destroyed a railroad bridge, we successfully secured insurance coverage for losses incurred by the commuter rail line that owned the bridge. We represented a policyholder injured when three successive hurricanes struck and severely damaged an amusement park the policyholder was in the process of renovating. The claim in this matter included losses from property damage and business interruption expenses. We represented a homebuilder seeking coverage for damage caused by water seeping into homes it was constructing. The critical issues in this matter involved the definition and interpretation of policy terms including “your work” and “your product” as well as the policy’s completed-operations hazards provision. In the context of bankruptcy proceedings, acting on behalf of a creditor’s committee, we sought to recover policy proceeds for damages caused by a fire that destroyed the debtor’s coal gasification plant. We also handled a matter concerning business interruption coverage for a business that suffered losses on 9/11.

THIRD PARTY ACTIONS

PJJ attorneys have represented clients in third party actions involving bodily injury, property damage/environmental and advertising injury. For example, we represented a commuter rail line sued by a passenger who slipped and fell in the leased portion of a train car. Although the commuter rail line was identified as an additional insured on its lessee’s insurance policy, the carrier denied coverage. We filed a declaratory judgment action against the carrier and successfully established that the carrier had breached its duty to defend, which enabled our client to recover all of the costs, expenses and attorney’s fees it incurred to defend itself. On behalf of a governmental entity, we sued multiple insurance carriers to obtain coverage for environmental pollution caused by a leaking landfill. This matter involved extensive coverage analysis, as the environmental pollution took place over the course of several decades, and a number of new nascent coverage issues including: trigger of coverage, the duties of primary versus excess carriers, the significance of going bare, the pollution exclusion and its exception, the definition of suit and whether it encompassed a PRP letter, bankrupt carriers, drop-down coverage, exhausted policies and allocation. On behalf of a client that was sued for trademark infringement, we successfully sued its carrier for refusing to defend the trademark infringement action.

LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE MATTERS

PJJ has represented major life/health carriers in a number of matters, some of which have involved ERISA claims. We successfully settled the majority of these matters and recently obtained a favorable verdict in a matter that went to trial.

REPRESENTATION OF INTERMEDIARIES

PJJ defended an international insurance producer sued for failing to secure adequate insurance, in this case, insurance covering loss caused by a faulty underground piping system that rendered an ice arena unusable. Arguing that the producer did not proximately cause plaintiffs’ damages because no policy in the insurance marketplace covered the loss plaintiffs suffered, PJJ obtained summary judgment for the producer on a professional negligence claim and successfully barred both of plaintiffs’ expert witnesses.

PJJ also defended a claim that an international insurance broker secured inadequate insurance for a corporation that owns multiple residential communities. The corporation suffered an eight-figure loss as a result of four hurricanes. Its insurer denied coverage for over $13,000,000 of its losses. PJJ prevailed on motions to dismiss plaintiff’s complaints for failure to state a claim. PJJ also joined in a successful motion for summary judgment in which the court held that the vast majority of the $13,000,000 in losses was covered, thus avoiding liability for the insurance broker as to those losses.

COVERAGE ANALYSIS

On behalf of carriers, PJJ has extensive experience analyzing claims to assess potential coverage issues and preparing reservation of rights letters, coverage denials, and other correspondence relative to the claims.
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- Labor, Employment & Immigration
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- Real Estate Transactions and Construction Litigation
- Trucking and Transportation
- White Collar Criminal Defense
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FIRM BACKGROUND
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PRACTICE AREAS
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- White Collar Defense / Government Enforcement
- Workers’ Compensation Defense

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS & INDUSTRIES
QPWB represents local, national and international corporations and businesses, and major insurance companies. The Firm also represents government agencies in local and state matters. Firm clients include:

- AIG
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- Travelers
- CNA
- Marriott Int’l.
- State of Florida
- U-Haul
- Coca Cola
- McDonald’s
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DEMOGRAPHICS - GEOGRAPHIC PRACTICE AREA - 23 OFFICES
QPWB is well-positioned to deliver client counsel and comprehensive legal services throughout the country and abroad. QPWB attorneys collaborate across major practice areas in an integrated network of 23 fully staffed offices in major cities in Florida, Kentucky, Illinois, Arizona, Texas, California, New York, New Jersey, Georgia, Michigan, Tennessee, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Office Locations: FLORIDA: Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonvile, Tallahassee, Fort Myers, W. Palm Beach, Pensacola, Panama City; KENTUCKY: Louisville, Lexington; ILLINOIS: Chicago; ARIZONA: Phoenix; TEXAS: Dallas; CALIFORNIA: Los Angeles; NEW YORK: New York, NEW JERSEY: E. Rutherford; GEORGIA: Atlanta; MICHIGAN: Kalamazoo; TENNESSEE: Memphis, Nashville; and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

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Roig Lawyers is a minority-owned litigation firm with a primary focus on all aspects of Insurance Defense Litigation. Comprised of lawyers throughout the state of Florida, we provide the convenience and practicality of a local law firm with the vast resources of a statewide law firm.

Our people-first approach to practicing law allows for true collaboration, teamwork and ultimately, success.

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Sacro & Walker is a certified woman and minority owned law firm focused on promoting diversity and equal opportunity in the legal profession. The firm is supported by an extraordinarily talented and diverse group of attorneys and professional staff who take enormous pride in the firm's status as a preeminent legal services provider.

Insurance Coverage Advice and Coverage Litigation

Sacro & Walker has a leading practice providing insurance coverage advice and coverage litigation representation to several national insurers.

Sacro & Walker attorneys have extensive coverage and coverage litigation expertise involving commercial general liability insurance policies. Jennifer Yu Sacro serves as lead outside counsel for insurers in complex, multi-party coverage litigations throughout the country.

Sacro & Walker attorneys are also counsel to national insurers in connection with life, accident and disability insurance claims. John Walker provides coverage advice to insurers in these areas, and represents insurers in first party litigation challenging claims determinations.

Lead partners Jennifer Yu Sacro and John Walker have reputations for achieving excellent results for their clients, applying a practical approach to litigation that appropriately balances aggressive advocacy with sensitivity to achieving outcomes that are in line with their clients' economic and business goals. The firm is adept at identifying and pursuing theories that are calculated to secure dispositive rulings and other favorable results in the early stages of litigation, including creating leverage to secure settlements on favorable terms. If a dispute cannot be resolved short of trial, however, Sacro & Walker attorneys have the knowledge and experience to develop and implement a winning trial strategy founded on thorough preparation, intelligent advocacy and skillful execution.
Sanchez Daniels & Hoffman LLP is one of the largest certified minority-owned law firms in the country. We are a civil litigation defense firm of 35 attorneys offering the highest level of services at competitive, cost-effective rates for over 25 years. In order to obtain this objective, we are pleased to draw upon the diverse talents and backgrounds of our people. We have worked hard to assemble and cultivate professionals who can share in our legal service mission. After all, the foundation upon which our firm is built rests squarely on the shoulders of the professionals who comprise the firm. We are proud that over half of our partners and associates are women and attorneys of color.

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We are quite proud of the fact that since 1987 we have:

- Grown from two to more than 35 attorneys; all solid, experienced professionals;
- Been honored as the recipient of the Thomas L. Sager Award in recognition of our commitment to diversity and gender balance. The award was given by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association;
- Become one of the largest minority-owned and controlled law firms in the United States;
- Gone to verdict in over 150 cases in State and Federal court;
- Been selected as Chrysler Group LLC's "Tier I" counsel from 1995-present with responsibility for all pending and future product liability cases filed against Chrysler for the northern half of Illinois and all of Indiana.
- Actively participated in the field of public finance working as underwriting counsel, bond counsel placement and borrower's counsel in transactions involving the City of Chicago, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago Midway Airport, the Chicago Park District, the Public Building Commission, the Chicago Board of Education, Cook County, United Airlines, St. Augustine College and Norwegian American Hospital.
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All of this is recounted simply to emphasize that the firm is dynamic, firmly established, and eager to demonstrate its effectiveness. Our success is a direct result of our commitment to the belief that our clients come first.
Every case, regardless of size, receives the same thoughtful attention to detail by our experienced litigators. With more than 90 years of experience trying cases to verdict, Segmiller & Associates has been an AV rated, certified women-owned law firm since 2008 with its principal office in Pittsburgh, Pa. Supporting diversity and inclusion, the firm is fully staffed with women attorneys with various backgrounds including engineering and nursing. With litigation experience in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan, the firm participates as a business partner within a multitude of corporate and insurance carrier supplier diversity programs.
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Emilia A. Quesada is a founding partner of SMGQ focusing her practice in the area of commercial litigation, with specialized knowledge in life, health, disability and ERISA litigation, insurance coverage matters, a panoply of insurance products, financial services litigation and products liability defense. Ms. Quesada has represented numerous Fortune 500 companies throughout her career, including insurance organizations, financial institutions, retailers, manufacturing concerns, oil and gas companies, chemical companies, as well as publicly-traded entities and privately-owned businesses in the prosecution and defense of litigation matters such as business disputes, torts, fraud actions, consumer claims, insurance coverage matters, life, health, disability and ERISA litigation, interpleaders, structured settlement disputes, vicarious liability issues, officer/director liability claims, product liability matters and numerous other civil claims. Ms. Quesada is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Florida and Georgia. Ms. Quesada is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings, the highest rating possible, an Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association (Commercial, Healthcare and Consumer rosters) and a certified FINRA Arbitrator. Prior to forming SMGQ in 2007, Ms. Quesada was a partner in the Miami office of the national firm Adorno & Yoss LLP, and a senior associate in the Miami office of Hunton & Williams LLP (n/k/a Hunton Andrews Kurth), one of the largest U.S. based international law firms. Ms. Quesada commenced her legal career in private practice at Steel, Hector & Davis LLP (n/k/a Squire Patton Boggs) after completing a federal clerkship as an Honors Attorney through the Attorney General Honors Program for the U.S. Department of Justice, where she was selected from over 2,500 applicants for one of eight positions. Ms. Quesada served as one of 12 commissioners appointed to the American Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession by the president of the ABA, and was the first Hispanic appointed to the Commission from Florida. Ms. Quesada was named by Minority Corporate Counsel Association as a “Mover and Shaker” in its Diversity & the Bar magazine, and featured in Diversity Inc. magazine, Attorney at Law magazine and Law 360’s “Minority Powerbroker” Q&A Spotlight. Ms. Quesada was highlighted as a Hispanic leader by Miami Today and South Florida CEO magazine, and named a Top Lawyer in Litigation in the South Florida Legal Guide. Ms. Quesada serves on panels and guest lectures on commercial litigation and insurance matters, diversity and work/life balance issues throughout the country, including the ABA’s Women in Law Leadership Academy, the National Association of Minority and Women-Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) events, Latina Style magazine’s Business Conference Series, Emory Law School’s Trial Techniques Program, and University of Miami Law School’s Clinical Trial Program. Ms. Quesada is a Fellow of the Litigation Council of America (LCA) and was awarded the LCA’s Peter Perlman Service Award recognizing her community service related to the creation of the non-profit organization Friends for Fosters, Inc., which supports and benefits the disenfranchised children of South Florida who end up in foster care. Ms. Quesada is the former Co-Chair of NAMWOLF’s Insurance Practice Area Committee.
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We believe that every case we handle, regardless of its complexity, deserves the most thorough and efficient service we can provide. We understand that every case entrusted to our firm has taken a toll of some sort on our clients in terms of stress, time and cost. Therefore, we strive to do everything possible to achieve a fast and final resolution of each matter we undertake through the means most suitable to our clients' expressed needs. Our goal is to know and meet your goals in every instance.

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