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**LEGAL
EXPERIENCE**

TARKIAN & ASSOCIATES, Los Angeles, CA

President & Managing Partner: May 2005 - Present

Areas of Practice: Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith, Insurance Defense, and Business & Commercial Litigation. Serving as panel counsel for multiple domestic and foreign insurers concerning first-party and third-party litigation matters under Jeweler's Block, Fine Art/Specie, Marine Cargo, Cash-in-Transit/Armored Car, Personal Articles Floaters, Business Interruption, Business Owners, CGL/Casualty, Employment Practices Liability, Catastrophe and Fire Insurance, Homeowners, and Construction Defect policies. Serving as national lead corporate and general counsel for various businesses by handling all risk management, pre-litigation, and litigation matters. Obtained trial verdicts, prevailed on Motions for Summary Judgments, and obtained dismissals of actions in connection with breach of contract, bad-faith, rescission, fraud, liability, unfair business practices, and Department of Insurance administrative hearing matters.

CARROLL, BURDICK & McDONOUGH, Los Angeles, CA

Senior Associate: April 2002 – May 2005

Areas of Practice: Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith, Insurance Defense, and Business & Commercial Litigation. Obtained defense verdict in jury trial and successfully defended the appeal in State Supreme Court in favor of insurer where policyholder alleged bad faith stemming from insurer's unlawful declination of a claimed loss based upon misrepresentations in the insurance application of the policy. Prevailed on multiple Summary Judgment Motions while defending insurers against policyholders who alleged bad faith and unfair business practices. Represented insurers in bad faith actions concerning coverage under jeweler's block, fine art, business owners, cargo, commercial umbrella, first-party contingency, and property policies.

ARTER & HADDEN, Los Angeles, CA

Senior Associate: March 1999 – April 2002

Areas of Practice: Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith, Insurance Defense, and Environmental Toxic Tort Litigation. Obtained defense verdict in favor of insurer in first-party bad faith action under a jeweler's block policy based upon policyholder's breach of the books and records clause. Handled first-party and third-party matters concerning bad faith actions relating to jeweler's block and fine art policies, other first-party property policies, tobacco bodily injury and property damage claims, gun litigation bodily injury and property damage claims, breast implant litigation, and environmental contamination liability.

RADCLIFF, FRANSEN & DONGELL, Los Angeles, CA

Associate: July 1998 – March 1999

Areas of Practice: Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith, Insurance Defense, and Environmental Litigation. Handled all aspects of third-party insurance coverage and litigation matters, focusing primarily on property and construction defect issues.

IVES, KIRWAN & DIBBLE, Los Angeles, CA

Associate: December 1996 – July 1998

Areas of Practice: Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith, Insurance Defense, and Environmental Toxic Tort Litigation. Represented insurers in bad faith actions concerning coverage under tobacco claims, gun litigation claims, breast implant litigation, environmental contamination liability, and product liability matters.

EDUCATION

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Jamaica, NY

J.D., 1996; Admitted in California, 1996

Achievements: Dean's List

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA

B.S. in Business Administration and emphasis in Business Management, 1993