

Jeffrey P. Magwood, Partner



Jeff Magwood is a partner with GGB's insurance defense practice group. In 2002, Jeff moved from Los Angeles to Orange County and joined GGB after working as an associate for a preeminent national law firm.

Jeff has represented all types of clients, from individuals to small business owners, homeowner associations, insurance companies, and multinational corporations.

Jeff has firmly adopted GGB's "think outside the box" philosophy and utilizes a creative, pragmatic, and cost-effective approach in resolving legal disputes. He has litigated an extensive variety of matters—including cases involving catastrophic injury, wrongful death, motor vehicle accidents, slip-and-fall accidents, insurance bad faith, insurance coverage, products liability, defamation, fraud, breach of contract, and other complex litigation—through every stage, from pre-litigation to discovery to trial and appeal.

He has served as lead trial counsel or second-chaired numerous trials and arbitrations throughout California.

Outside of the office, Jeff enjoys swimming, baseball, and spending time with his wife and three children.

EDUCATION

University of California at Los Angeles (B.A., Political Science, 1996)

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (J.D., Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, 2000).

Loyola Entertainment Law Review, 1998-2000

American Jurisprudence and First Honors Awards, Legal Research and Writing

ADMISSIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of California

All California Federal District Courts

Orange County Bar Association

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Magyary v. McKinley, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. MC017608: After obtaining a phase-one jury-verdict establishing that our clients were employees rather than independent contractors of an international delivery and logistics company, we successfully negotiated a global resolution of a catastrophic personal injury case wherein our clients settled within their automobile insurance policy limits.

Solarzano v. Bimini Properties, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC428385: We negotiated a low five-figure settlement within our client's insurance policy limits in a case involving a plaintiff who sustained severe orthopedic injuries and a claimed brain injury after falling from a 35-foot tree he was pruning.

Elliott v. Richardson, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court (Northwest) Case No. LC071880: In a wrongful death case involving an accident at our client's property which was undergoing construction, the plaintiffs dismissed the case in exchange for a waiver of costs when faced with responding to our summary-judgment motion.

Malone v. Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co. Orange County/Underinsured Motorist Arbitration: After we uncovered evidence of the claimant's prior treatment for the same injuries allegedly sustained in an auto accident, we negotiated a low five-figure settlement in an uninsured motorist arbitration action where the claimant sought over \$200,000 in damages.

Kohn v. Medina, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court (Northeast) Case No. GC035923: We established that a plaintiff's claimed injuries from a tow truck-versus-automobile accident were preexisting and not caused by the accident, and the jury awarded no damages to the plaintiff following a two-week trial.

Marshall v. Schirmer>, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 06CC11855: We settled a case within the available insurance policy limits following a bench trial in which the judge concluded the plaintiff was 70% comparatively negligent for a physical altercation with our client outside of a Little League baseball field wherein the plaintiff sustained a serious hand injury.

Beck v. United States/Emory, United States District Court (Central) Western Division, Case No. CV 05-1643 DSF (JTLx): Following a bench trial in the United States District Court, our client was found not liable on a negligent-entrustment cross-complaint filed in a catastrophic brain-injury case involving a motorcyclist who struck a postal van crossing at an intersection not controlled by traffic lights.

Rodriguez v. Cynthia del Sol HOA, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC324353: We successfully negotiated a settlement well under the available insurance policy limits in a wrongful death case involving an accident at a condominium complex which was being renovated.

RV World v. TIG Insurance Company, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 1170198: The court sustained without leave to amend our demurrer to a complaint alleging breach of contract and bad faith against our client, saving our client from the potential exposure to hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages.