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Misa Stefen Koller Ward

Managing Attorney - San Diego (May 2019-present)

2019-present

Responsible for managing San Diego start up office of state wide firm. Oversees case load from start to finish, including initial file review, recommendations re: compensability, discovery, investigations, review and analysis of medicals including cross examination of physicians, meet and confer with client and employers, appear at court at all stages of case; Meet with clients and present various topics at seminars. Proficient in all aspects of workers' compensation claims and especially familiar with local board rules and procedures in San Diego.

Siegel, Moreno & Stettler

2002 – 2019

Managing Partner (May 2016-May 2019)

Partner (2012 – May 2016)

Associate (2004 – 2012)

Law Clerk (2002 – 2004)

Responsible for managing work group specializing in defense of workers' compensation cases brought by professional athletes. Additional clients include school districts, restaurants, small employers. Manages cases on a 30 day diary review system with a focus on mitigation of costs to client relative to value of case. Case management duties include initial assessment, discovery, legal and medical research, preparation of opinion letters, negotiations, conclusion of case through settlement, arbitration or trial, appeal/Petition for Reconsideration if necessary, and finalizing lien settlement of outstanding medical provider charges, including negotiation and/or litigation. Supervisory duties include overseeing the work of two associates and necessary paralegals/support staff, as well as providing direction, reviews, salary recommendations, and counseling.

Areas of proficiency include:

- Review and analysis of medical reports, subpoenaed records, and diagnostics studies encompassing the specialties of orthopedics, neurology, internal medicine, dentistry, and psychiatry.
- Conducting employer level investigations/witness interviews and reviewing surveillance.
- Review and analysis of player contracts.
- Assessing permanent disability based on AMA Guides 5th Edition.
- Organization and management of cases with overlapping teams and multiple defendants, insurers, and representatives, with values in excess of \$250K.
- NFL, NBA, NHL, USFL, AFL rules and regulations.
- Statute of Limitation issues relative to Labor Code Section 5405.
- Analysis of reciprocity statutes pertaining to out-of-state Workers' Compensation laws.
- Working with structured settlement companies to calculate present day value of annuities.
- Obtaining and analyzing Medicare set aside trusts for future medical care of Social Security recipients.
- Coordinating with expert bill reviewers and interpreting the California Official Medical Fee Schedule.

- Identifying and assisting in the prosecution of fraud cases including referrals to the District Attorney and testifying in criminal court.
- Building strong relationships with both clients and courts in San Diego, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Long Beach.

EDUCATION

University of San Diego – San Diego, CA Juris Doctor	2003
Randolph-Macon College – Ashland, VA Bachelor’s Degree-History / Minor - Political Science	2000

PROESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

San Diego County Bar Association	2004 – Present
California Bar Association	2004 – Present

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Soldiers’ Angels – Volunteer
 Marine Special Operations Command – Volunteer, Fundraiser
 Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA - Board of Managers
 YMCA Encinitas Bike-a-Thon – Planning Committee, Captain, Committee Chair
 Helen Woodward Animal Center – Planning Committee
 USA Triathlon Organization (Ironman) – Competitor