





# GLEN R. OLSON

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Glen Olson defends attorneys in legal malpractice actions and State Bar proceedings. He has expertise in attorney ethics, and issues related to law firm risk management and loss control. Prior to rejoining Long & Levit in 2006, Glen was an officer of a Fortune 500 insurer, managing its accountants and lawyers professional liability claims departments. He also handles professional liability cases against insurance brokers and agents, architects, engineers and real estate agents and brokers.

Glen has been named a 2012 - 2020 "Northern California Super Lawyer" in professional liability defense. He has jury and court trial experience, and also frequently advises on and litigates insurance coverage disputes, with a particular emphasis on professional liability policies. Glen regularly writes and speaks on issues related to attorney professional liability exposures, professional liability insurance coverage and attorney ethics.

## Admissions

- State Bar of California
- United States Supreme Court
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California

## Academics

- University of California, Berkeley, | B.A. Economics, with distinction
- University of California, Hastings College of Law | J.D. cum laude

## Professional Affiliation

- Board Member, 2019-Present, Professional Liability Defense Federation (PLDF)
- Past Member, 2019, California Lawyers Association Working Group on Mandatory Professional Liability Insurance
- Past Co-Chair and Member (2008-2016), Committee on Professional Liability Insurance of The State Bar of California (COPLI)
- Past Chair, ABA Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Professional Liability Insurance Committee (PLIC, previously known as the Professionals, Officers and Directors Liability Committee - PODL)

## Professional Affiliation, cont.

- Past Board Member, Alameda County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Corporation (VLSC)
- Past Board Member, Insurance Litigation Committee, The Bar Association of San Francisco
- Registered Professional Liability Underwriter (RPLU), Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- Associate in Risk Management (ARM), The Institutes CPCU

## Presentations

- Presenter, *Ethically Settling Your Case*, California Continuing Education of the Bar, October 3, 2016
- Panelist, *Complications Arising from Accounting Firm Mergers and Acquisitions*, PLDF Annual Meeting, September 30, 2016
- Co-Presenter (Webinar), *Hot Topics Concerning Your Client's Insurance Policies: What You Need to Know as a Litigator*, The State Bar of California August 23, 2016
- Co-Presenter, *Settlement Is Awesome – Don't Mess It Up!*, Solo & Small Firm Summit, The State Bar of California, June 16, 2016
- Co-Presenter (Webinar), *Professional Liability Insurance: What Your E&O Policy Does and Does Not Cover*, The State Bar of California, May 10, 2016
- Co-Presenter, *Communications With/Concerning Dissatisfied Clients: Rules of Confidentiality and Privilege*, The State Bar of California Annual Meeting (October 10, 2015, Santa Ana, CA)
- Co-Presenter, *A National Survey of Social Media Issues Impacting Lawyers: More Problems on the Horizon Here?*, The State Bar of California Annual Meeting (October 8, 2015, Santa Ana, CA)
- Co-Presenter, *Ethics and Privileged Communications Regarding Lawyer Malpractice Claims*, Professional Liability Defense Federation Fall Meeting (Chicago, IL, October 2, 2015)
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- Co-Presenter, *Working with Other Counsel: Ethical Considerations Regarding Referrals, Associations of Counsel and Co-Counsel Relationships*, The State Bar of California (Webinar, June 16, 2015)
- Co-Presenter, *Ethical Issues Arising from Claims for Attorney's Fees, Interest and Costs*, The State Bar of California (Webinar, May 5, 2015)
- Presenter, *The Ins and Outs of Legal Malpractice Insurance*, Bar Association of San Francisco, September 14, 2014
- Panelist, *Mistakes Lawyers Make When They're Desperate for Business*, The State Bar of California, Solo & Small Firm Summit, June 20, 2014
- Panelist, *To Post or Not: The Social Media Ethical Dilemma*, Kaiser Permanente Law Department and the California Minority Counsel Program, January, 2014
- Panelist, *Ethical Issues Arising from the Defense of Insureds Under Liability Policies*, Bar Association of San Francisco, December, 2013
- Panelist, *Lawyers in Transition: Practical and Ethical Considerations When Making Changes*, California State Bar Annual Meeting, October 11, 2013
- Panelist, *Lawyers as Corporate Directors: Risk or Reward?*, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, August 2013
- Co-Presenter, *Client Selection, Relations and Billing: How to Keep Your Practice Ethically Complaint and Profitable*, California State Bar Solo & Small Firm Summit, June 21, 2013

## Presentations, cont.

- Panelist, *Causation: The "So What" Defense*, ABA National Legal Malpractice Conference, April 25, 2013
- Panelist, *MSJ's from the Plaintiff's and Defense Perspectives*, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, March 12, 2013
- Presenter, *Malpractice and Ethics Exposures for Small Firms and Using Insurance to Mitigate Those Risks*, California State Bar Annual Meeting, October 12, 2012
- Panelist, *Malpractice and Ethics Exposures for Small Firms, and Using Insurance to Mitigate Those Exposures*, California State Bar Solo & Small Firm Summit, June 21, 2012
- Co-Presenter, *Ethical Risks in Cyberspace and Insurance Issues They Raise*, California State Bar Annual Meeting, September 16, 2011
- Co-Presenter, *Ethical Challenges in Cyberspace*, California State Bar Annual Meeting, September 24, 2010
- Co-Presenter, *Ethical Challenges in Cyberspace*, San Francisco Bar Association Legal Malpractice Section, September 14, 2010
- Co-Presenter, *The Ethics of Defending Clients Subject to a Reservation of Rights*, San Francisco Bar Association (Barristers' Club), July 14, 2010
- Co-Presenter, *Can an Insurer Dispose of Covered Claims and Leave the Defense of Uncovered Claims to the Insured Without Incurring Bad Faith Liability?*, IADC Mid-Year Meeting (February 2006)
- Panelist, *Managing Risk in Today's Law Firm: An Impossible Dream?*, Professionals Officers and Directors (PLUS) International Conference, Boston, MA (November 2005)
- Panelist, *Trends in Attorney Malpractice Claims (2000-2003)*, ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability, Boston, MA (April 2005)
- Panelist, *The Scope & Effect of Sarbanes-Oxley on Attorneys and CPAs*, Defense Research Institute, Washington, DC (October 2003)
- Panelist, *The State of the Insurance Market for Attorneys and Law Firms*, New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (November 2002)
- Panelist, *Update on Lawyers E&O Policy Insurance Coverage Issues*, ABA Torts Trials & Insurance Practice Section - Professionals, Officers & Directors Liability Committee, Chicago, CA (November 2002)
- Panelist, *Use of Mediation in Professional Liability Actions*, International Academy of Mediators Annual Meeting, Ft. Myers, FL (November 2002)
- Panelist, *The Ethical Implications of the Unbundling of Legal Services*, PLUS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November 2001)
- Panelist, *Pretrial Strategy In Insurance Coverage Litigation*, ABA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (1998)

## Publications

- Co-Author, Case Report: *Dual Agency/Fiduciaries*, Spring 2017 PLDF Defense Quarterly (Vol. 9, Issue 2)
- Author, *Intra-Firm Communications During The Representation of a Dissatisfied Client: When Does The Attorney-Client Privilege Apply?*, ABA TIPS Professionals, Officers & Directors Committee Newsletter (Spring 2015)
- Co-Author, *Recent Developments Affecting Professionals,' Officers' and Directors' Liability*, 50 ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Journal, Vol. 2 (Winter 2014)
- Author, *Litigating Causation and Damage Issues in Professional Liability Actions*, ExecSense, San Rafael, CA (2013)
- Co-Author, *Annual Survey of the Law, Recent Developments in the Law Governing Professionals,' Officers' and Directors' Liability*, ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal (Winter 2010)

## Publications, cont.

- Author, *Toxic Clients: How to Identify and Manage Difficult Client Relationships* ABA Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Professionals, Officers and Directors Liability Committee Newsletter (Summer, 2010)
- Author, *Attorney-Client Privilege and the Work Product Doctrine in Complex Litigation*, TortSource, ABA Torts Trial & Insurance Practice Section (Spring 2010)
- Author, *The Judgmental Immunity Doctrine: How Far Does It Extend As A Defense To A Legal Malpractice Claim?*, ABA TIPS Section Professionals, Officers and Directors Liability Committee Newsletter (Fall 2009)
- Co-Author, Chapter 14, *Attorney Liability Insurance*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education Handbook for Attorneys (2003 Edition and 2007 Update)
- Author, *Resolving Disputes Between Insurer and Insured*, ALI-ABA's Practice Checklist on Insurance (American Law Institute, American Bar Association, 2002); reprinted from *The Practical Litigator*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (ALI-ABA, May 2000)