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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Seymour “Sy” Everett, III is a Founding Partner of Everett Dorey, LLP. Mr. Everett is a leading litigator in California and is routinely retained as trial counsel in complex and challenging cases throughout the state. He represents corporations, non-profits, cities, public agencies, special districts, school districts, police officers and individuals in all aspects of litigation. Cases include catastrophic injuries, asbestos, employment law, toxic tort, habitability, mold, general liability, wildland fires, business interference, libel, slander, environmental and administrative compliance. Mr. Everett is an elected member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (“ABOTA”), a highly respected national advocacy group dedicated to the preservation of the right to trial by jury. The Daily Journal identified Mr. Everett as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California, and he has been recognized as a Super Lawyer and Best Lawyer at Benchmark. Additionally, Mr. Everett was also recognized as an Orange County Visionary by the Los Angeles Times. Committed to fostering and developing diversity in the legal community, Mr. Everett was recognized and awarded “DEI Champion” by the Orange County Coalition for Diversity in the Law. He also holds the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriting (CPCU) designation and is a regular speaker at legal seminars for Fortune 500 Companies, Public Entities and Insurance Carriers and is a former adjunct professor at USC School of Law. He is admitted to practice in all courts in California, including United States Federal District Courts. Mr. Everett has argued before numerous Appellate Courts in the State of California and has multiple published decisions.

Recent jury trials include: Ohio House LLC v City of Costa Mesa, United States Central District Court (Defense Verdict April 2022); Haynes v. City of Orange; Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, March 2021); Pacific Coast Warehouse v. Leslie’s Poolmart, Inc., San Bernardino County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, May 2019); Chen v. The Irvine Company, et al., Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, April 2018); Mobley v. The Irvine Company, et al., Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, December 2017); Demolay v. Millard Group, et al., Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, August 2017); Reynolds v. Ventura County Fairgrounds et al., Ventura County Superior Court (Plaintiff Verdict, July 2017); Ducoing v. Winston & Associates Insurance Brokers et al., Orange County Superior Court (Hung Jury, July 2016); Lorenzana v. City of Buena Park et al. Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, June 2016); Reumont v. Gordon, Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, March 2015); Institute of Medical Education, Inc.

v. Western Association of Schools and Colleges (Defense Verdict, May 2015); and Wilson v. Grieder, Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, July 2015).

## **ADMISSIONS**

### **California State Courts**

**U.S. District Court - Central District of CA**

**U.S. District Court - Southern District of CA**

**U.S. District Court - Northern District of CA**

**U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Central District of CA**

**9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals**

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

American Board of Trial Advocates (“ABOTA”) – Member

California Top 100 Lawyer, Daily Journal

Best Lawyer 2022, 2023

Benchmark 2022, 2023

Super Lawyer 2021, 2022, 2023

Litigation Counsel of America - Fellow

Lawyers of Distinction – Charter Member

First Responder First – Founding Member

Camp Fire USA Orange County, Past Member – Board of Directors

Directory of Influence OC 500 Orange County Business Journal 2021 – Member

2022 Nominee CAL-ABOTA Community Service Award

## **EDUCATION**

### **Seton Hall University School of Law**

Juris Doctor

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

Bachelor of Arts

### **The Institutes - Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Society**

CPCU Designation

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

College of Trial Advocacy/OCBA: Distinguished Speaker and Trial Instructor, September 22, 2022

Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Society- CPCU Designation

PARMA Annual Conference Speaker/Presenter: "Pandora's Box – Remote Depositions, Hearings, Arbitrations and Trials; Why We will Never Completely Return to Normal", February 28, 2022

Perrin Conferences – Speaker/Presenter: "The Future of Online and In-Person Jury Trials", April 28, 2021.

CPCU Society Risk Management and International Insurance Interest Group – Speaker/Presenter, "The Next Litigation Wave: What Should We Expect When the COVID-19 'Stay in Place' Orders are Lifted?", April 2020.

PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association) – Speaker/Presenter, "Big Brother is Watching – Surveillance & Risk Management", June 2019.

Combined Claims Conference – Presenter, "Big Brother is Watching – Surveillance Cameras and Video Footage to Manage Risk, Protect Property and Defend Litigation", March 2019.

CASBO – Speaker/Presenter, "Safe Schools: Identifying & Eliminating Exposure to Hazardous and Toxic Substances on School Campuses.", January 2019.

Perrin Conferences - Speaker/Presenter, "Asbestos Talc Mock Trial and Jury Deliberation", October 2018.

CLM Continuing Education Conference for Catholic Mutual Group, "Advanced Strategies for Success in Mediation", August 2018.

All Industry Day, CPCU Society, Orange Empire, "Talc, Fibromyalgia, PTSD & Other, Emerging Risks and Litigation Trends, Impacting the Insurance Industry", October 2017.

League of Cities, New Laws & Elections Annual Seminar, "Subpoenas – We've Been Served! Now What?" December 2016.

Public Entities and the Claim Presentation Statute – Accept, Reject, Provide Notice or Do Nothing? Orange County Lawyer, July 2016.

Government Claims Act, Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs, May 11, 2016, Carl Warren and Co., April 19, 2016.

Insurance Professionals of Los Angeles, Region VIII Conference, Keynote Speaker – "Drones: The Impact on Insurance and What You Need to Know to Navigate the Insurance Market Place", March 5, 2016.

Southern California City Clerk Association, Annual Meeting, Keynote Speaker – "Claims, Lawsuits, Subpoenas and Summons", January 21, 2016.

Spying in the Skies—Drones, the New Frontier: Impact on international and Domestic Insurance and Liability, October 5, 2015.

Trivial Defect doctrine and other Defenses Available to Public Entities, Public Agency Risk Management Association, February 10, 2015.

Don't Let Them Bite! – Cutting Edge Risk, Management and Litigation Strategies for Responding to Bed Bug Infestation Claims, CLM Retail, Restaurant & Hospitality Conference, February 5, 2015.

International Directors and Officers Professional Liability Coverage, CPCU Society Annual Meeting, September 21, 2014.

Broker Risk Management: Navigating and Dealing with the Pitfalls of Potential Litigation, Insurance Professionals of Los Angeles, August 20, 2014.

A Complex Web of Loyalties: The Tri-Partite Relationship and Cumis Counsel, Orange County Lawyer February 2012.

California Asbestos Litigation 2010 Review; The Nuts and Bolts of Litigation: What You or Your Customer Should Expect if Involved in a Lawsuit. National CPCU Society, February 2009.

Introduction to Specialty and Complex Claims: Toxic Mold, Construction Defect, Environmental, Chemical Exposure and Asbestos. Insurance Educational Association, September 2008.

Evaluating and Attacking Benzene Workplace Exposure Claims, April 2006 & 2007.

Adjunct Professor, University of Southern California Law School, ADR Topics: Negotiation & Mediation Course

Attacking Occupational Exposure Claims, November 2006.

Course Instructor, Insurance Education Association, CPCU 530, The Legal Environment of Insurance

## APPELLATE DECISIONS

Chino-Pacific Warehouse Corporation v Leslie's Poolmart, Inc.; March 10, 2022, E073638 (Cal.App. 4th Dist.)

Righeimer v. Costa Mesa Police Association, G050188 (Cal.App 4 Dist)

Ryan v. Lustre-Cal; 2014 WL 7384613 (Cal.App. 2 Dist.)

Farzan v. Wescom Credit Union et al., in Cal.Rptr 2 District, B247479

Ducoing Enterprises, Inc. v. Winston & Associates Insurance Brokers, Inc., in Cal.Rptr.3d, 2013 WL 4782809, Cal.App. 4 Dist.

Galicinao v. McMaster-Carr Supply Co., in Cal.Rptr.3d, 2011 WL 5079530, (Cal.App. 2 Dist)

Munoz v. MacMillan 2011 WL 1817842 (Cal.App. 4 Dist.)

## REPRESENTATIVE ~~CASES~~ JURY TRIALS

Ohio House LLC v City of Costa Mesa, United States Central District Court (Defense Verdict April 2022)

Haynes v. City of Orange, Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, March 2021)

Pacific Coast Warehouse v. Leslie's Poolmart, Inc., San Bernardino County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, May 2019)

Chen v. The Irvine Company, et al., Orange County Superior Court (Defense Verdict, April 2018) Mobley

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Demolay v. ~~Millard Group~~ The Irvine Company, et al., Orange County Superior Court, ~~Catastrophic Injury~~ (Defense Verdict, August 2017)

Reynolds v. Ventura County Fairgrounds, et al., Ventura County Superior Court, ~~Public Entity, Catastrophic Injury~~; (Plaintiff Verdict/Cross-Complaint Indemnity Settlement, July 2017)

Lorenzana v. City of Buena Park, Orange County Superior Court, ~~Public Entity/Trip and Fall~~ (Defense Verdict, June 2016)

Reumont v. Gordon, Orange County Superior Court, ~~Free Speech/Personal Injury~~ (Defense Verdict, March 2015)

IME v. Western Association of Schools & Colleges ACS, Santa Clara County Superior Court, ~~Professional Liability~~; (Defense Verdict, May 2015)

Wilson v. Grieder, Orange County Superior Court, ~~Construction/Business Litigation~~ (Defense Verdict, July 2015)