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# TRESSLER LLP WELCOMES SIX ATTORNEYS IN CALIFORNIA: WADE, LOWE, CARSON, HULICK, DUTTON AND HOFFMAN

Attorneys from Wade & Lowe Join Tressler LLP and Expand Firm's Presence in the West



Orange County, California, September 15, 2022 - Tressler LLP is proud to announce that six attorneys and three staff members from the law firm Wade & Lowe have joined our Orange County and Los Angeles, California offices. Attorneys **Edmond D. Wade**, **William R. Lowe**, **Jeffrey M. Carson**, **Amy K. Hulick**, **Renee A. Dutton** and **Christina N. Hoffman** have joined Tressler, greatly expanding the firm's presence in California. The group also includes administrative staff: **Nicole Perren**, **Paralegal**; **Julie Knaus**, **Legal Secretary** and **Paulina Lizarraga**, **Law Clerk**. Tressler and Wade & Lowe are both known as experienced insurance coverage and litigation firms, and the combined team will provide enhanced services to all clients throughout the country.

"We are thrilled to welcome this talented group of attorneys from Wade & Lowe to Tressler," said Todd Schenk, Partner and Member of Tressler's Executive Committee. "Our shared practice focus, mission and client base make this an exciting move for everyone. We look forward to achieving new milestones throughout the Western United States."

Wade & Lowe was founded in 1976 with a commitment to providing reliable legal services for insurance, individual and corporate clients. The group's client base includes all counties in both Northern and Southern California. All clients of the six attorneys joining Tressler will benefit from the firm's national resources and eight offices throughout the United States.

"Tressler is known throughout the industry as a top insurance and litigation law firm," said Attorney Jeffery M. Carson. "The firm offers a wide range of practice areas, and we are happy to provide expanded services to both our current and future clients."

Jeffrey M. Carson - Partner, Orange County Office

Jeff handles all areas of insurance coverage law including assisting clients with Special Investigation Unit investigations, insurance policy interpretation, issues regarding independent counsel, bad faith litigation, actions for declaratory relief, disputes between multiple coinsurers and related appeals. Jeff has prepared hundreds of legal opinions regarding insurance coverage questions and prides himself of finding practical, efficient solutions to difficult situations. His clients have included insurers, insurance agents and brokers, claims

professionals and policyholders. Jeff also has experience in the defense of personal injury litigation and has assisted clients with related fraud investigations.

#### Amy K. Hulick - Partner, Orange County Office

Amy represents insurers in insurance coverage disputes. She provides clients with coverage analysis and opinions involving business and personal liability policies, which include issues related to defamation, libel, slander, automobile liability, construction defects, premises liability, assault and battery, negligence, elder abuse, insurance fraud, privacy rights, wrongful eviction and habitability claims. She also assists clients with the prosecution of declaratory relief actions and disputes between multiple co-insurers. Amy has experience in the defense of personal injury litigation and assists clients with related fraud investigations.

# Edmond D. Wade - Partner, Orange County Office

Ed specializes in automobile insurance law and coverage. He serves as an arbitrator on the State Bar Court and has been an arbitrator in the Los Angeles Superior Court arbitration program. Ed is a past member of the State Bar's Superior Court Committee and Joint Subcommittee with Judges and Lawyers regarding law and discovery. Ed was one of the founding partners of the law firm Wade & Lowe in 1976.

# William R. Lowe - Of Counsel, Orange County Office

Bill specializes in insurance coverage issues relating to the duties to defend and indemnify actions under various liability policies. He defends both first and third party bad faith actions involving claims handling, coverage, cancellations and statutory liability. Bill has defended insurers in direct fraud actions and has also defended a number of actions involving alleged unfair claims practices and alleged violations of the Business and Professions Code. Bill is also a seasoned appellate attorney and has over 12 published decisions from the Court of Appeal. Bill was one of the founding partners of the firm Wade & Lowe in 1976.

### Renee A. Dutton - Of Counsel, Orange County Office

Renee has developed broad insurance litigation experience over 15 years in her work for several large defense firms in Los Angeles. Her practice areas include insurance coverage and litigation, and the defense of insureds in a variety of civil lawsuits. Renee specializes in assisting carriers with the efficient handling of settlement demands and preservation of evidence requests.

#### Christina N. Hoffman - Of Counsel, Los Angeles Office

Christina handles all phases of litigation from client development to settlement and trial. Christina's vast litigation experience includes matters related to product liability, catastrophic injury, class action lawsuits, environmental law, toxic torts, employment, privacy, property rights disputes, nuisance and habitability, education and disability-related discrimination. She has a depth of experience defending against academic integrity and sexual assault claims in the field of education. Christina frequently provides disability accommodations consulting for a wide range of clients.

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Headquartered in Chicago, with eight offices located in five states, Tressler LLP is a national law firm comprised primarily of attorneys who devote their practice to the representation of the insurance industry in coverage analysis and resolution, litigation, underwriting consultation, product development, claims management and reinsurance.

In addition, Tressler has one of the most experienced and multi-faceted government law practices in Illinois, and has attorneys who represent clients in commercial litigation, defense litigation, corporate transactions, employment law and litigation, intellectual property and condominium and common interest community association law. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.tresslerllp.com">www.tresslerllp.com</a>.