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Practice Area

Insurance

Omar Galicia, an associate at Hermes Sargent Bates, LLP, devotes his practice to insurance coverage disputes and litigation. He counsels and represents clients on policy interpretation, claim handling and resolution and bad faith avoidance involving first-party and third-party insurance policies. Omar represents clients in litigation on a national basis involving contractual and extra-contractual claims involving personal and commercial property, commercial general liability, errors and omissions, directors and officers and employment practices liability insurance policies.

Omar has also represented individual and corporate clients in a broad range of immigration matters, including adjustment of status, asylum, consular processing and naturalization cases. He has also represented clients in removal proceedings before the federal immigration courts and appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Administrative Appeals Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Representative Experience

- Obtain summary judgment in \$5.9 million employment practices liability coverage dispute arising from wrongful termination claim.
- Successfully resolve \$2 million coverage dispute under commercial general liability, commercial auto and umbrella liability policies arising from significant bodily injury claims.
- Advise and represent multiple commercial and personal property insurers in claims arising from Hurricanes Katrina and Ike.
- Advise and represent multiple commercial general liability insurers in numerous construction defect claims, and resulting litigation.
- Successfully represent insurers in complex, multi-party litigation involving securities litigation claims under directors and officers liability policies.
- Advise and represent commercial and personal property insurers in claims arising from storm and hail damage.
- Obtained favorable settlements in subrogation claims under commercial property insurance policies involving product liability claims, construction defect issues and fires.

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1999
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

Education

- Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Texas at Austin, May 1994
- Juris Doctor Degree, Southern Methodist University School of Law, May 1999

Publications & Presentations

- Additional Insured and Contractual Indemnity Issues, Dallas, Texas, 2011, presenter
- *The High Court's Application of the Notice-Prejudice Rule*, Texas Lawyer, July 2009
- *Insurance Law Update*, Southern Methodist University Law Review, 2007 and 2008
- Insurance Law Update, North Texas Association of Insurance Counsel, 2008, presenter

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.