

WORK EXPERIENCE

Founding Partner

Misa Stefen Koller Ward, LLP

04/04/2016-present

- Founding and Managing Partner
- Handling all aspects of worker's compensation as a senior attorney, dealing with opening of cases, discovery, trial and litigation, mediations and arbitrations and efficient handling and closure of files.
- Managing accounts and office supervision.
- Continuation of all responsibilities as detailed in past work experience.

Partner

ATB Law

01/01/2013-04/04/2016

- Representing insurance companies and self-insured employers in all aspects of Workers' Compensation defense, liens, and various litigation involving employers at all levels of Administrative Action, Administrative Appeals and Supreme Court of California (assistance on case involved at Supreme Court level).
- Client relations and fostered lasting relationships with insurance adjustors and supervisors.
- Handling all aspects of worker's compensation as a senior attorney, dealing with opening of cases, discovery, trial and litigation, mediations and arbitrations and efficient handling and closure of files.

Managing Attorney, Opening new LA office

Bradford & Barthel

11/10/2012-01/01/2013

- Opened new office for statewide Worker's Compensation firm, organized the location of space, the announcement of the office to clients, the procurement of files and getting myself and an associate attorney paneled to handle client claims.
- Representing insurance companies and self-insured employers in all aspects of Workers' Compensation defense, liens, and various litigation involving employers at all levels of Administrative Action, Administrative Appeals and Supreme Court of California (assistance on case involved at Supreme Court level).
- Client relations and fostered lasting relationships with insurance adjustors and supervisors.

Attorney/Managing Associate

Grancell Lebovitz Stander Reubens & Thomas

10/21/2008-10/28/2012

- Representing insurance companies and self-insured employers in all aspects of Workers' Compensation defense, liens, and various litigation involving employers at all levels of Administrative Action, Administrative Appeals and Supreme Court of California (assistance on case involved at Supreme Court level).
- Managed the training on California Workers' Compensation law with attorneys in the area of workers compensation. Recruited, hired and developed legal staff. Provided performance evaluation. Monitored quality of staff work.
- Client relations and fostered lasting relationships with insurance adjustors and supervisors.
- Draft newsletter and articles on changes in Workers' Compensation law within California. In addition, created power point trainings for insurance adjustors on changes in law and presented to large groups of adjustors and attorneys.

Attorney/Senior Contracts Specialist (promoted from Contracts Coordinator – 1/06 – promoted Specialist 4/06)

American Specialty Health, Incorporated San Diego, CA

8/1/05 – Present

- Review and draft contracts, vendor/provider service/software and licensing agreements, amendments, provider alerts, and letters of intent.
- Perform compliance and regulatory analyses for all states, and ensure compliance with legislation. Conduct legal research via internal and external databases, LEXIS, WESTLAW, NILS, public records, etc.
- Resolve member/provider/group and claim issues, resolve matters which affect appeals and grievances from a contractual perspective.

- Manage projects as a team leader and assist fellow attorneys in drafting and negotiating of contracts pursuant to new business.

CLERKSHIP/INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Legal Intern/Law Student

Ryan, Mercado & Worthington San Diego, CA 1/1/05 – 4/1/05
 Perform legal research, aid in discovery organization, draft motions, draft communication to clients.
 Legal focus: insurance defense and construction defect

Legal Intern/Law Student

Wingert, Grebing, Brubaker & Ryan San Diego, CA 2/1/04 – 1/1/05
 Perform legal research, draft motions, prepare legal forms, prepare and assist with courtroom and ADR appearances.
 Legal focus: civil, personal injury, medical malpractice, construction defect

Anson Levitan Law Clerk/Advocate

Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy San Diego, CA 7/1/02 – 6/1/03
 Research Medicare/Medicaid, draft appellate briefs and position statements, handle independent caseload as legal aid advocate, attend and participate in administrative law hearings regarding Medicare/Medicaid

LEGAL AWARDS/INTERNSHIPS

Creative Problem Solving Merit Scholarship - 2002	Academic Achievement Awards (Highest Grade in Class):
Anson Levitan Award – 2003	<i>Trial Practice – 2004</i>
William H. Wiley Award - Legal Aid Society – 2004	California Western School of Law Deans List – 2005
SDCBA Outstanding Service Award - 2004	Grade of 94 – Trusts & Estates, Civil Procedure

PRE-LAW WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Psychometrist

UCSD/NIH Statin Study San Diego, CA 1/1/02 – 9/1/03
 Organize, operate, and manage all responsibilities surrounding study laboratory. Trained and managed incoming personnel on research methods and laboratory procedures. Research and gather medical research relevant to the research studies conducted.

EDUCATION

J.D. California Western School of Law (2002 - 2005), San Diego, CA
 BS Religious Studies, University of California San Diego (1998 - 2002), San Diego, CA

LEGAL SKILLS and ATTRIBUTES

Concise Writer	Detailed	Organized
Excellent People Skills	Analytical and Logical	Team Player
Proficient Researcher	Creative	Driven