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Mr. Pasich conducts an active trial and appellate practice. He has procured jury verdicts in bad faith cases that have been ranked in the 10 largest verdicts of the year in California. He is the author of more than 400 articles on insurance and the author, co-author, or editor of several books, including The ABA Manual for Complex Insurance Coverage Litigation, Casualty and Liability Insurance (Matthew Bender 2000, 2003), Directors and Officers: Liabilities and Protections, West's California Litigation Forms: Civil Procedure Before Trial, and The Year 2000 and Beyond.

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5 Tips on How to Maximize Your Coverage

Maximize your company's "bottom line" by thinking creatively when procuring insurance and responding to allegations of corporate malfeasance or professional negligence.

- ☑ Think about insurance as a means to turn your legal department into a corporate profit center
- ☑ Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance
- ☑ Fidelity Insurance
- ☑ Professional Errors and Omissions Insurance
- ☑ Employment Practices Insurance

Common Tactics Used by Carriers to Avoid Coverage

 Insurers piggybacking on underlying claims in an attempt to rescind coverage.

• Insurers wrapping settlement issues into renewal policies.

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Case Study: Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.

Maximizing insurance assets when a claim of professional wrongdoing potentially triggers coverage under multiple policies.

Addressing conflicting policy exclusions that insurers argue alleviate their policy obligations in favor of other potentially applicable policies.

Case Study: DOV Pharmaceutical, Inc.

Maintaining coverage in the face of underlying lawsuits.

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