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David A. Shaneyfelt has nearly thirty years' experience in litigating complex civil matters in state and Federal courts across the country. A former shareholder with the New York-based law firm of Anderson Kill, Mr. Shaneyfelt has represented numerous private and public business entities in disputes against insurance companies and joint powers agencies.

His representative cases and matters include the recovery of insurance policy benefits (defense and indemnity) for employment practices liability (EPLI) cases, wage and hour class actions, director and officer (D&O) liability, public entity liability, professional malpractice, reinsurance, accidental death insurance, and lifetime disability. He has also handled a wide-variety of complex litigation matters involving commercial contract disputes, public affordable housing programs, unfair competition, entertainment, insurance broker malpractice, and attorney malpractice.



He is a member of three state bars – California, Illinois, and Oregon (inactive) – and has practiced in the following Federal courts: Central District of California; Southern District of California, Northern District of California; Northern District of Illinois; Central District of Illinois; Western District of Washington; Southern District of Mississippi; District of Hawaii; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal; Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal; and the U.S. Supreme Court.

He is a 1981 graduate of Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California. He received his J.D. in 1984 from the Willamette College of Law in Salem, Oregon, where he was senior editor of the Law Review.

He is a frequent speaker for several continuing legal education groups at conferences and webinars on insurance coverage issues. Among the webinars he leads are those sponsored by the [National Constitution Conferences](#), the [American Law Institute](#), the [Strafford Company](#), and [Bridgeport Continuing Education](#).

Recent topics include:

[Employment Practices Liability Insurance: Preserving, Defending, and Pressing Your Rights To Coverage](#) (Bridgeport)

[Insurance Coverage Issues for Wage and Hour Class Actions](#) (Bridgeport's Annual Wage & Hour Litigation Management Conference - Los Angeles)

[Insurance Bad Faith: Strategies for Avoiding and Pursuing Claims](#) (American Law Institute)

[Insurer's Bad Faith in the Absence of Coverage](#) (Strafford Company)

[Getting Insurance Claims Paid: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know](#) (National Constitution Conferences)

Publications:

"[Claims Against The Claims Handlers Under Large Deductible Workers' Compensation Insurance Policies](#)," The State Bar of California, Business Law News (Summer, 2017)

"[When The Church Defames Her Priests](#)," Homiletic and Pastoral Review (July 21, 2017) (with Joe Maher)

"[Are Negligent Supervision Claims 'Occurrences'?](#)," Law360, New York (Nov. 8, 2016)

"[Insurance Bad Faith: Strategies for Avoiding or Pursuing Claims](#)," American Law Institute CLE (May 28, 2015) (with Melissa O'Loughlin White and Raymond J. Tittman)

"[Sacrificing Priests On The Altar Of Insurance](#)," Homiletic and Pastoral Review (Feb. 24, 2015) (with Joe Maher)

"[Cyber Insurance: What Your Corporate Client Needs To Know](#)," Ventura County Bar Ass'n (Jan. 2015)

"[Avoiding Headaches with Certificates of Insurance](#)," Risk Management Magazine (Dec. 15, 2014)

[“Finding Coverage for Wage and Hour Class Actions,” Practice Tips, Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine](#) (June, 2014)

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[“When Your Insurance Carrier Must Provide You A Second Attorney,”](#) (Part I) Enforce, The Insurance Policy Enforcement Journal (2007) Vol. 5, Issue 1.

He is also co-author of the guide, *Corporate Policyholders' 50-State Guide: The Right to Independent Counsel*, the first state-by-state guide that equips in-house counsel to address the legal conflicts that may occur when a policyholder needs legal representation and the insurance company selects the attorney.