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Liz Brockman is a Partner in Selman Breitman's Los Angeles office and is a member of the firm's Toxic Tort/Environmental and Insurance practice groups.

Liz counsels and represents insurance companies in connection with coverage claims and litigated disputes in many areas, including environmental pollution arising under a wide variety of policies including CGL, EIL, PLL, and CPL coverages, toxic torts, fidelity, and medical products, many of which include extracontractual claims. Liz also assists insurers in working with defense counsel and the insured and its coverage counsel in evaluating exposure to effectively resolve claims for which a defense and/or coverage is being afforded.

With more than 25 years of experience in insurance, Liz is able to evaluate complex coverage issues expeditiously while providing meaningful advice and recommendations appropriate to the situation. She works closely with general counsel, claims representatives, and business owners to develop an optimal strategy in each particular case designed to reach the clients' stated goals in the most effective, cost-efficient manner possible through the appropriate courts and/or alternative dispute resolution.

For the two most recent editions of the *LexisNexis Matthew Bender Practice Guide: California Insurance Coverage and Litigation*, Liz served as a contributor to Chapter Five, on commercial general liability coverage, and, in particular, with regard to environmental coverage issues.

Widely considered an industry leader by her peers, Liz has been responsible for several published opinions before the California Supreme Court and the California Court of Appeal, including the landmark case *Foster-Gardner Inc. v. National Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, PA.* (1998); where the Supreme Court held that absent a suit filed in a court of law, a general liability insurer has no duty to defend; and *Federal Ins. Co. v. MBL, Inc.* (2013); where the California Court of Appeal held that an insurer's reservation of rights to deny coverage based on the qualified pollution exclusion and property damage outside the policy period do not give rise to the right to independent counsel.

Liz is frequently called upon by clients and various organizations to give presentations on a variety of subject matters relating to emerging issues in insurance law in California, including those specifically relating to the area of long tail claims, and is often asked to participate in seminars and workshops on newly passed legislation and related regulations, and guidelines necessary for corporate compliance.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 1991

U.S. District Court Central District
of California

U.S. District Court Eastern District
of California

U.S. District Court Northern District
of California

U.S. District Court Southern District
of California

U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of
Law, J.D., 1991
American Jurisprudence Award
in Insurance Law

University of California, Los
Angeles, B.A., 1985
Major: Economics

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

CLM, Member

Professional Liability Underwriting
Society

Association of Southern California
Defense Counsel