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- Affirmance by Ninth Circuit of summary judgment in California pollution coverage case based on lack of actual tender (as opposed to alleged constructive tender), as well as lack of harm to policyholder based on other settlements. (2017)
- Successfully obtained a reversal with directions to enter a new judgment for client in California state court appeal arising from an adverse jury verdict regarding intentional interference with prospective economic advantage in multi-million dollar dispute between insurance brokers. (2016)
- California state trial court victory in an asbestos coverage action involving a several hundred million dollar primary v. excess equitable contribution dispute, involving various allocation, drop down and equitable contribution theories. (2016)
- Successfully pursued a petition for writ of mandate to the California Court of Appeal and obtained a reversal of a breach of contract summary judgment ruling in multi-million dollar asbestos insurance coverage dispute. (2015)
- Reversal by Ninth Circuit of adverse trial court decision in Hawaii construction pollution coverage equitable contribution case, enforcing excess other insurance clause. (2015)
- Reversal by Ninth Circuit of adverse trial court decision in California products liability coverage equitable contribution case, concerning $100+ million litigation over energy product facilities in Nova Scotia, finding known damage provision had to be applied separately to separate structures in differing conditions. (2015)
- Affirmance by Second Circuit of summary judgment in pollution coverage case for California sites, enforcing New York choice of law clause and that state’s common law rule that prejudice need not be shown to deny coverage for law notice. (2014)
- Affirmance by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania of decision that coverage for $2.5 million racial discrimination jury verdict was barred by applicable public policy against insurance for willful wrongdoing. (2014)

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