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PRACTICES

Insurance Coverage and
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EDUCATION

J.D., University of San Diego
School of Law, 2009

B.A., University of San Diego,
2005

ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for
the Central District of California

United States District Court for
the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for
the Northern District of
California

United States District Court for
the Southern District of
California

AFFILIATIONS

DRI Life, Health and Disability
Committee

California Minority Counsel
Program

Jason James is a partner in Burke's Irvine office where he specializes in defending insurance companies in matters relating to life, health, and disability coverage, insurance bad faith, and ERISA. He also defends management in employment related disputes involving wrongful termination and employment discrimination, as well as commercial and general business matters. Jason has represented companies in federal and state courts throughout California, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jason earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of San Diego, and worked in business finance before attending law school. He obtained his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2009. Before joining Burke, he spent 11 years with the firm Meserve, Mumper & Hughes, LLP in Los Angeles, including serving as its managing partner from 2020 to 2024.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Joel Brand v. First Unum Life Insurance Company*, 2024 WL 3811416 (N.D. Cal. 2024)
- *Nikouardestani v. The Prudential Ins. Co. of America*, 2022 WL 18142529 (C.D. Cal. 2022)
- *Axelsen v. Standard Ins. Co.*, 2021 WL 2546751 (C.D. Cal. 2021)
- *Dane v. Bank of New York Mellon*, 2021 WL 4812958 (C.D. Cal. 2021)
- *Luzzi v. Unum Life Ins. Co. of America*, 836 Fed.Appx. 570 (9th Cir. 2021)
- *Luzzi v. Unum Life Ins. Co. of America*, 2020 WL 945406 (C.D. Cal. 2020)
- *Abrams v. Life Ins. Co. of North America*, 725 Fed.Appx. 553 (9th Cir. 2018)
- *Durham v. The Prudential Ins. Co. of America*, 2017 WL 7661482 (C.D. Cal. 2017)

- *Singer v. The Prudential Ins. Co. of America*, 2015 WL 13357516 (C.D. Cal. 2015)
- *Boynton v. Reliance Standard Life Ins. Co.*, 2015 WL 11570935 (S.D. Cal. 2015)
- *Vasquez v. Union Security Ins. Co.*, 2012 WL 3029735 (C.D. Cal. 2012)