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Jay Thompson has considerable experience in both regulatory and legislative issues involving the business of insurance. He regularly participates in regulatory proceedings involving contested case hearings, contested rate hearings, policy form approvals, rulemaking, licensing, mergers, acquisition, and dissolution of insurance companies and other regulatory matters before the Texas Department of Insurance.

As a registered lobbyist, Jay has represented the property/casualty and life, accident, and health insurance industry on legislative issues impacting those insurers. He has worked closely with leadership in Texas to find constructive solutions to legislative issues. Jay has written numerous bills and amendments to the Texas Insurance Code and has been recognized as a leading expert on insurance regulation.

Jay have also represented insurers in litigation involving insurance bad faith, tax disputes against the state of Texas, appeals from administrative actions at the Texas Department of Insurance, disputes involving reinsurance, and disputes between companies and agents.

Background

Jay is a reserve JAG in the USAF. He received the following significant awards and recognition:

- USAF, Harmon Award for the Outstanding Reserve Judge Advocate for the USAF –1979
- Outstanding Reservist Award for the USAF Air Education Training Command-1999
- Outstanding JAG Reservist for the USAF, 2nd AF–1998

Representative Experience

MATTERS

Insurance

Government & Public Entities

Administrative and Regulatory Compliance

Fraud and Abuse

Medical Liability Defense

Health Care Litigation

Health Care Transactions

Lobbying and Policy-Making

LEGISLATION & AMENDMENTS

Legislation on non-insurance benefits in life/health insurance

Legislation on the use of private placement offerings in variable products

Legislation on funding for the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association

Legislation on unfair discrimination

Legislation permitting conversion of a mutual life company to a mutual holding company

Legislation on reports to employers by health insurers

Legislation on rate and form regulation for property/casualty insurers

Legislation on prompt payment of claims

REGULATORY ISSUES

Conversion of a reciprocal to a stock company

Represented medical malpractice insurance rate case

Representation of various insurers and agents in disciplinary actions brought by the TDI

Creation of new companies

Representation of various insurers in filing and approval of withdrawal plans

Representation of various insurers in filing and approval of surplus debentures, reinsurance agreements, and other holding company transactions

Co-counsel in a leading Texas Supreme Court bad faith case often cited in insurance seminars

Awards & Recognition

CHAMBERS USA

Ranked Band 1 for Insurance in Texas

2021-2022

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed for Insurance Law, Administrative/Regulatory Law

2012-2024

CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS

Ranked as a Leading Lawyer in America

2021

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed as Lawyer of the Year for Insurance Law

2020

INSURANCE COUNCIL OF TEXAS

Raymond Mauk Leadership Award

2012

CHAMBERS USA

Ranked Leader in their Field for Insurance and Insurance: Regulation in Texas

2003-2016

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL

AV Peer Review Rated

Related Services

Health Care

Insurance

Publications & Speaking Engagements

2013 Life & Health Insurance Legislation in Texas

Aug 1, 2013

2013 Property & Casualty Insurance Legislation in Texas

Aug 1, 2013

2011 Life & Health Insurance Legislation in Texas

Jul 15, 2011

2011 Property & Casualty Insurance Legislation in Texas

Jul 15, 2011

New Texas Supreme Court Opinion: Ojo v. Farmers Group, Inc., et al.

Jun 2, 2011

Perpetual Motion and the Illusion of Change: Texas Insurance & Sunset Issues

ICT/AFACT Mid-Year Property/Casualty Presentation

2010

Texas Insurance & Sunset Issues

TALHI Annual Round-Up

2010

2009 Life & Health Insurance Legislation in Texas

Jul 23, 2009

2009 Property & Casualty Insurance Legislation in Texas

Jul 23, 2009

After the Sunrise & Before the Next Sunset: Insurance Changes of the 81st Texas Legislature

ICT/AFACT Mid-Year Property/Casualty Presentation

2009

Insurance Legislative Update

Central Texas Risk & Insurance Management

2009

Managing Employee Risks & Benefits, Federal & State Issues Impacting Employer Benefit Plans

UT Business School

2009

2007 Property & Casualty Insurance Legislation in Texas

Aug 31, 2007

2007 Life & Health Insurance Legislation in Texas

May 1, 2007

The 2007 Texas Legislature – Legal Storm Clouds on the Horizon?

Oct 12, 2006

2005 Property & Casualty Insurance Legislation in Texas

Jun 1, 2005

2005 Life & Health Insurance Legislation in Texas

Jan 3, 2005

The Perfect Texas Insurance Storm Emergency Orders and Ad Hoc Rulemaking

Jun 2, 2003

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law

J.D., 1972

Texas Tech University

B.A., 1970

Accounting

Student Body President

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

1972

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Military Appeals

United States District Court of Texas

Northern and Western

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Federation of Regulatory Counsel