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Jennifer E. Acheson is a partner in the appellate, insurance coverage and bad faith departments at RMKB. As a trial attorney she has also obtained defense verdicts in coverage, fraud and bad faith cases on behalf of insurers. Ms. Acheson is also a trained mediator recently appointed to the California Department of Insurance Mediation Program Mediator Panel. Ms. Acheson also regularly serves as judge pro tem, has served as an arbitrator and discovery referee for San Mateo and Santa Clara County Superior Courts. She was a general plan committee member 1993 – 1996, and planning commissioner 1996 - 2004 for the Town of Atherton, California.

Ms. Acheson is admitted to practice before all of the courts of the State of California, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Central, and Southern Districts of California, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Northern California. She is a member of the California Bar Association, San Mateo County Bar Association, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada, Claims & Litigation Management Alliance, Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California, and Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center.

Ms. Acheson attended college at Beirut College for Women, Lebanon, and University of Kansas. As a Fulbright Scholar, she studied at La Sorbonne, France, followed by law school at University of San Francisco, graduating in 1985. Before entering private practice, Ms. Acheson worked for the San Mateo County Superior Court judges as a staff/research attorney. She then joined the law firm of Low, Ball and Lynch in Redwood City where she handled SIU insurance coverage claims and became a shareholder before joining RMKB.

## Practice Areas

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- Appellate
- Insurance Services

## Education

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- University of Kansas, 1980 Bachelor
- University of San Francisco School of Law, 1985 J.D.

## Court Admissions

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- California

- USDC: Northern District of California

## Memberships & Associations

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- San Mateo County Bar Association
- State Bar of California

## Representative Experience

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**Practice Area:** Bad Faith, Business And Commercial Litigation, Coverage, Insurance Services

**Key Issues:** Breach of Contract; Bad Faith Claims

**Venue:** Colusa County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Defendant Insurer

Represented insurer in an action against claims of breach of contract and bad faith claims handling by insured county hospital. The hospital made a claim under a commercial property policy for property damage and business interruption. The hospital sustained losses as a result of water intrusion through the hospital roof, which was under construction, following a rainstorm. The claim was denied based on policy exclusions for faulty, inadequate and defective workmanship.

**Result:**

The matter was favorably resolved before trial by settlement.

**Practice Area:** Appellate, Bad Faith, Coverage, Insurance Services

**Key Issues:** Conversion; Unfair Business Practices; Bad Faith; Negligence

**Venue:** San Francisco County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Defendant Insurer

Represented co-defendant insurer in an action against both the insured individual and his insurer against claims of vehicle negligence, conversion, unfair business practices, bad faith, and discriminatory insurance claims practices.

**Result:**

The matter proceeded to a jury trial in San Francisco Superior Court, and resulted in a defense verdict, which was affirmed on appeal.

**Practice Area:** Bad Faith, Business And Commercial Litigation, Coverage, Insurance Services

**Key Issues:** Breach of Contract; Fraud; Unfair Business Practices

**Venue:** San Francisco County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Plaintiffs

Represented plaintiffs in an action against owner of piano consignment business, for claims of breach of contract, fraud, and unfair business practices. Prosecution of the matter revealed multiple victims. The matter resulted in a default judgment for money damages and order of replevin/return of the piano. The court refused to set the judgment aside.

**Result:**

Following the defendant's declaration of bankruptcy, the matter resulted in the criminal prosecution of defendants for felony counts of grand theft, embezzlement, and restitution, and coordination with the San

Francisco District Attorney.

## Publications

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- Author, "Loss of Consortium Claims and Liability Policy Limits", May 1, 2001

## Speaking Engagements

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- Insurance & Casualty Litigation 2011 - 2012: The Year in Review, May 23, 2012
- Insurance & Casualty Litigation 2011 - 2012: The Year in Review, May 22, 2012

## News

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- Redwood City Partners Dean Pappas and Jennifer Acheson Secure Victory on Behalf of Everest Indemnity Insurance Company , *Verdict Search- October 8, 2010/The Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements - September 27, 2010, 10/8/2010*