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Peter S. Selvin, Chair of ECJ's Insurance Coverage and Recovery Department, is a business trial lawyer with more than 30 years of experience. While he specializes in the areas of insurance coverage and international litigation, his experience has touched many different areas of law, including real estate, intellectual property and professional liability disputes. Within those areas, Peter's practice includes both trying cases and counseling clients on how to avoid litigation. Chief among his strengths is his ability to counsel clients and help achieve strategic business solutions.

In 2014 Peter was selected as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum®, an honorary trial lawyers association whose members have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts.

Peter has been published in numerous business and legal publications, including the *International Financial Law Review*, *Executive Counsel*, *Risk & Insurance* and *Global Counsel*. His publications have appeared in professional publications in the UK, Germany, France, Mexico and Japan, among other countries. He also frequently authors insurance industry updates for ECJ's California Insurance Law Commentary blog.

His notable publications include a chapter on "Avoiding and Resolving Disputes In International Commercial Litigation" in the treatise *International Law for CEOs: Lessons From Leading International Lawyers* and a chapter on International Service of Process in the treatise *Transatlantic Commercial Litigation and Arbitration* (Oceana). Since 2012, Peter has been the author of the chapter on dispute resolution in California that has been part of Law Business Research's annual treatise on International Dispute Resolution, which is a standard reference work in this area.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law

M.A., English Language and Literature, University of Chicago

B.A., University of California, San Diego, with highest honors

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Coverage and Recovery

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

ADMISSIONS

California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

- Loeb & Loeb LLP, Los Angeles, CA (Partner)
- TroyGould, Los Angeles, CA (Partner)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Representative Directors and Officers Engagements

Representation of majority shareholders in closely held corporation in connection with “freeze-out” claims by minority shareholders.

Representation of former directors and officers of privately held real estate investment companies in breach of fiduciary duty and fraudulent transfer action brought by liquidating trustee of Chapter 11 estate.

Representation of registered investment advisor and its executives in lawsuit by minority shareholder and former employee for breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.

Representation of registered investment advisor and its executives in lawsuit by institutional shareholder for fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and related claims.

Representation of German media company and its former CEO in lawsuit brought by alleged joint venturers seeking damages in excess of \$3 billion.

Representation of majority stockholder in privately held real estate investment trusts in shareholder suit for involuntary dissolution, breach of fiduciary and related claims.

Representation of trade association and its executives in connection with breach of fiduciary duty claims by former executive director.

Representation of majority stockholder in privately held manufacturing company in suit by minority shareholders for involuntary dissolution, breach of fiduciary duty related claims.

Representation of President and CEO of federally chartered savings and loan association in breach of fiduciary duty lawsuit brought by FSLIC; served as member of the defense counsel steering committee.

Representative Professional Liability Engagements

Representation of investment management company and one of its principals in negligence and breach of fiduciary suit by former customer.

Representation of celebrity personality in fraud and RICO suit by former company franchisees; suit handled under client's media liability policy.

Representation of national insurance broker in negligence action involving alleged "gap" in coverage.

Representation of non-profit organization in action against insurance broker for professional malpractice arising from placement of CGL policy.

Representation of institutional lender in federal court litigation arising out of defaulted \$30.5 million construction loan. Successfully defended lender liability claims and obtained multi-million dollar recovery against general contractor.

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2021

Insurance Litigation Institute of America, Charter Member

Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow, 2012-2017

Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2014

Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law, 2007-2022

Southern California Super Lawyers, Business Litigation, 2007-present

AV "Preeminent", *Martindale-Hubbell*

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Board of Governors, 2006-2010

Los Angeles County Bar Association, International Law Section, Executive Committee, 1996-2001

American Bar Association

International Bar Association

CLIENT ALERTS

Ervin Cohen & Jessup Launches Food, Beverage & Hospitality Practice
08.03.2020

Ervin Cohen & Jessup Announces Launch of Insurance Coverage and Recovery Practice
06.30.2020

Ervin Cohen & Jessup Bolsters Litigation Practice with Peter Selvin and Pooja Nair
12.17.2019

BLOG POSTS

Ruling is Instructive of Biometric-Related Claims and Insurance
California Insurance Law Commentary, 11.23.2021

Construction Defect Damages May Exceed Cost To Repair
California Insurance Law Commentary, 10.13.2021

Companies Vulnerable to Data Breaches Are Now Vulnerable to Litigation
California Insurance Law Commentary, 09.27.2021

Ruling Breaks New Ground For CGL Policy Data Breach Coverage Hackings
California Insurance Law Commentary, 08.26.2021

Insurance Coverage and Recovery Developments in the Post-COVID World
California Insurance Law Commentary, 05.26.2021

Bad Faith Liability Can Arise Even Absent A Demand Within Policy Limits
California Insurance Law Commentary, 04.01.2021

'Notice-Prejudice Rule' Ruling Could Provide New Arguments
California Insurance Law Commentary, 02.19.2021

Negligent Retention, Hiring Rulings Show Importance of Policy Language
California Insurance Law Commentary, 02.01.2021

The Perils of Playing Hard Ball
California Insurance Law Commentary, 12.14.2020

Liability Insurance Coverage: Basic Principles - *Part Two*
California Insurance Law Commentary, 11.23.2020

Liability Insurance Coverage: Basic Principles
California Insurance Law Commentary, 11.16.2020

Litigation Practice Meets Covid – The View From California
California Insurance Law Commentary, 11.11.2020

Overcoming Intellectual Property Exclusions In Insurance Policies
California Insurance Law Commentary, 11.02.2020

An Interview With Peter Selvin: Dispute Resolution
California Insurance Law Commentary, 10.13.2020

Rulings Disagree: Is Loss of Use of a Leasehold 'Property Damage'?
California Insurance Law Commentary, 10.06.2020

Courts Wrestle With Coverage of Cyber-Related Claims
California Insurance Law Commentary, 10.02.2020

Insureds Seek Coverage For Breaches Under Traditional Policies
California Insurance Law Commentary, 09.25.2020

Appellate Rulings Depart From Treaty Interpretation Norms
California Insurance Law Commentary, 09.17.2020

Can Companies Be Liable If Third-Party Contractors Suffer Data Breaches?
California Insurance Law Commentary, 09.03.2020

Ruling May Shed Light On Physical Losses and COVID-19
California Insurance Law Commentary, 08.26.2020

Exceptions to Insurers' Right to Rescind for Inaccurate Information
California Insurance Law Commentary, 08.18.2020

Business Interruption Insurance Coverage: A Guide for Restaurants
Legal BitesCalifornia Insurance Law Commentary, 06.25.2020

Business Interruption Insurance Coverage in the Age of Coronavirus
California Insurance Law Commentary, 03.26.2020

PUBLICATIONS

Ruling Breaks New Ground For CGL Policy Data Breach Coverage Hackings
08.26.2021

Dispute Resolution 2021: United States - California
Lexology Getting the Deal Through, 2021, 06.28.2021

Guest Post: New Decision on Late Notice
The D&O Diary, 02.23.2021

'Notice-Prejudice Rule' Ruling Could Provide New Arguments
Los Angeles Daily Journal , 02.19.2021

Negligent Retention, Hiring Rulings Show Importance of Policy Language
Los Angeles Daily Journal , 02.01.2021

Litigation Practice Meets COVID – The View From California
International Bar Association, Litigation Newsletter, 11.10.2020

Overcoming Intellectual Property Exclusions In Insurance Policies
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 10.27.2020

Rulings Disagree: Is Loss of Use of a Leasehold 'Property Damage'?
Daily Journal, 10.06.2020

Market Intelligence: Dispute Resolution In The United States
Lexology Getting the Deal Through, 2020, 08.28.2020

Appellate Rulings Depart From Treaty Interpretation Norms
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 06.30.2020

Dispute Resolution: United States - California
Lexology Getting the Deal Through, 2020, 06.30.2020

Can Companies Be Liable If Third-Party Contractors Suffer Data Breaches?
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 05.21.2020

California Court Declines Enforcement of Choice of Forum and Choice of Law Provisions, Citing Right to Jury Trial
International Bar Association's Litigation Newsletter, 05.2020

Ruling May Shed Light on Physical Losses and COVID-19
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 05.06.2020

Exceptions to Insurers' Right to Rescind for Inaccurate Information
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 03.03.2020

Insureds Still Seek Coverage for Breaches Under Traditional Policies
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 12.03.2019

Allocation of Defense Costs in D&O Litigation (Guest Post)
Co-Author, The D&O Diary, 04.29.2019

Dispute Resolution: United States – California
Getting the Deal Through, 2018 (annual contributor since 2012)

Courts Wrestle with Coverage of Cyber-Related Claims
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 05.23.2018

Groundbreaking Cyber Insurance Decision (Guest Post)
The D & O Diary, 08.10.2017

Groundbreaking Cyber Insurance Decision
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 07.28.2017

Trade Secret Theft In the Digital Age
Financier Worldwide, 06.2017

Cyber Risk and Its Enterprise Implications
Financier Worldwide, 12.2016

Liability Insurance Often Has A Role In Class Action Defense
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 11.28.2016

Dispute Resolution In 48 Jurisdictions Worldwide
Getting The Deal Through, 07.2015

The International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration, 12th Edition
Global Legal Group, in association with CDR, 07.2015

Enforcement of International Arbitration Agreements in U.S. Courts
Global Legal Group Ltd, London, 06.2015

Dispute Resolution in 49 Jurisdictions Worldwide
Getting The Deal Through, 08.2014

Litigation and Enforcement in the United States: Overview
Practical Law: Multi-Jurisdictional Guide 2014/2015, 08.2014

New Opportunities for Finding Liability Insurance Coverage in Business Cases
Litigation Commentary & Review, 04.2014

Traditional Insurance Products and Cyber-Liability Claims
Claims Journal, 02.2014

Traditional Insurance Products and Cyber Fraud Claims
Claims Journal, 02.2014

Steep Penalties for Wrongfully Refusing to Defend
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 08.01.2013

Dispute Resolution in 45 Jurisdictions Worldwide
Getting The Deal Through, 08.2013

Liability Insurance Coverage For False Advertising Claims
The International Bar Association's Insurance Committee Newsletter, Spring 2013

Got Protection? Coverage for Cyber-Risk Under Traditional Insurance Policies
Los Angeles Business Journal, 10.24.2012

Finding Cyber-Risk Coverage in Your Traditional Policy
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 10.24.2012

“Disparagement” Under a CGL Policy
Los Angeles Daily Journal, 07.25.2012

Insurance Coverage for SEC Investigations
Executive Counsel, 08.2010

Liability Insurance Coverage for Copyright Infringement
Journal, Copyright Society of the U.S.A., 06.21.2007

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Insurer's Duty to Settle for Policy Limits When Defending Non-Covered Claims Under Reservation of Rights
Strafford Publications, Inc., Live Webcast, 11.16.2021

Insurance Coverage and Recovery Developments in the Post-COVID World
Litigation Counsel of America, Webinar, 04.22.2021

Annual Roundtable on Cybersecurity
California Lawyer, Panelist, 10.2017

Insurance Coverage For Cyber Risks
International Bar Association, Dublin, Ireland, 10.2012

Insurance Coverage For IP Claims
Beverly Hills Bar Association, Beverly Hills, CA, 05.2012