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Practice Areas

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- Civil & Trial Litigation
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Affiliations

- American Inns of Court, Louis M. Welsh Chapter, Barrister
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers San Diego
- San Diego County Bar Association
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Speaking Engagements

- *"Best Practices for Effective Claims Handling,"* Tribal First/Alliant Specialty Insurance Services, Inc., May 2017
- *"Ethics in Litigation,"* Lorman Education Services, August 2005
- *"Ethical Issues and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance,"* 8th International Conference on Family Violence, September 2003