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## Danica Crittenden



Danica Crittenden is a partner in the Claremont office of Shernoff Bidart Echeverria LLP. Ms. Crittenden's litigation practice includes insurance-bad faith and personal injury cases.

After joining the firm in 2010, Ms. Crittenden worked on a number of high-profile cases and trials, including:

Achieving a \$28.2 million medical malpractice jury verdict against Kaiser in Los Angeles Superior Court for a teenager who had her right leg, half of her pelvis, and a portion of her spine removed as a result of a four-month delay in diagnosis of a bone

cancer (*Rahm v. Kaiser*)

- Obtaining a \$3.3 million jury verdict against an insurance company for mishandling a fire claim for victims of the 2007 San Diego wildfires (*Van Zee v. Homesite*)
- Obtaining nearly \$12 million in an arbitration on behalf of clients in an insurance-bad-faith case
- Representing a couple in a catastrophic injury lawsuit against CALTRANS. After trial, the jury awarded the couple \$31.5 million, which is one of the ten largest verdicts in California for 2012. (*Evans v. State of California*)
- Obtaining a \$15 million jury verdict in a wrongful death case involving the mother of two young children who was killed in a hit-and-run accident in Bakersfield, CA (*Paregien v Perez dba E&M Trucking*)
- Obtaining a \$20 million settlement following an arbitration on behalf of clients in an insurance-bad-faith case
- Representing a family in a wrongful death action against BNSF Railway and obtaining a \$1.5 million jury verdict (net \$454,000) (*Kruger-Small v. BNSF*)
- Representing a client in a personal injury action and obtaining a \$1.28 million jury verdict (*Berry v. Hicks*)

- Obtaining a \$3.99 million verdict on behalf of an historic Orange County hotel in an insurance bad faith lawsuit against Lloyd's of London (*Saddleback Inn, LLC v. Lloyd's of London*)
- Ms. Crittenden received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Seattle University in 2007, and her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of La Verne College of Law in 2010.

## **EDUCATION**

- University of La Verne College of Law, Ontario, California, 2010, J.D.
  - *Honors: Cum Laude*
  - Chief Managing Editor, *University of La Verne Law Review*
- Seattle University, Seattle, Washington, 2007, B.A.
  - *Honors: Magna Cum Laude*
  - NCAA Division II Athlete

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

- "Is Demolition Delayed, Demolition Denied? The Effectiveness of Demolition Delay Ordinances in Preserving Historic Structures," 38 Real Est. L. J. 33 (June 2009)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- CAALA Rising Star Award, 2015, 2016
- Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Star 2012-2015
- Southern California Special Section, *Super Lawyers* 2013
- Nominated for the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles Rising Star Award in 2013 and 2014

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA) Board Member
- CAALA Education Committee Member
- Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Consumer Attorneys of the Inland Empire
- Consumer Attorneys of San Diego
- Orange County Trial Lawyers Association (OCTLA)
- Western San Bernardino County Bar Association
- University of La Verne College of Law, Board of Visitors Member

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- California State Bar, 2010
- U.S. District Court, Central District, 2010
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District, 2014

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Rutter Group Insurance Bad Faith Seminar, 2012 and 2014
- “How corporations (and other insureds) can avoid missing coverage for defense costs” (panel in 2012 with Michael J. Bidart and Jennifer Keller)
- “Cracking open a policy: How to open an insurance policy and collect the excess verdict” (panel in 2014 with Michael J. Bidart and Peter Klee)