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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

HASSARD BONNINGTON LLP, San Francisco, CA

Partner, 1981-Present Associate, 1976-1981

Mr. French has been admitted to practice in California since 1975 and has over 35 years of experience litigating insurance, toxic tort, health care, and construction cases in both the state and federal courts in California.

TRIAL EXPERIENCE:

**Alleged Insurance "bad faith"**, **1993.** Insurance "bad faith" case in which the plaintiff asserted claims for unpaid benefits, emotional distress, and punitive damages. Defense verdict.

**Alleged Insurance "bad faith", 1982.** Insurance "bad faith" case in which the plaintiff asserted claims for unpaid benefits, emotional distress, and punitive damages. Plaintiff's verdict for \$1,203.05 for unpaid benefits, \$20,000 for emotional distress, and \$80,000 in punitive damages. Reversed on appeal.

**Alleged Insurance "bad faith", 1982.** Insurance "bad faith" case in which the plaintiff asserted claims for unpaid benefits, emotional distress, and punitive damages. Plaintiff's verdict for \$25,000 in compensatory damages and no punitive damages.

**Alleged Insurance "bad faith"**, **1981.** Insurance "bad faith" case in which the plaintiff asserted claims for unpaid benefits, emotional distress, and punitive damages. Defense verdict.

PUBLISHED APPELLATE DECISIONS:

Case Name: Benson v. Superior Court

Citation: (2010) 185 Cal.App.4th 1179

Case Name: Duran v. St. Luke's Hosp. (2003) 114 Cal.App.4th 457

Case Name: Betterton v. Leichtling
Citation: (2002) 101 Cal.App.4th 749

Case Name: Rakestraw v. California Physicians' Service

Citation: (2000) 81 Cal.App.4th 39

Case Name: California Physicians' Service v. Superior Court

Citation: (1992) 9 Cal.App.4th 1321

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Case Name: Sarchett v. Blue Shield of California

Citation: (1987) 43 Cal.3d 1

Case Name: Fields v. Blue Shield of California

Citation: (1985) 163 Cal.App.3d 570

Case Name: Weisman v. Blue Shield of California

Citation: (1984) 163 Cal.App.3d 61

Case Name: Sarchett v. Blue Shield of California

Citation: (1984) 158 Cal.App.3d 218 [superseded by grant of review]

Case Name: Contreras v. St. Luke's Hospital

Citation: (1978) 78 Cal.App.3d

**EDUCATION:** Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D., summa cum laude

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