
ERIC J. DANOWITZ

ABOUT

Eric J. Danowitz is an attorney in our Newport Beach office who practices in the areas of insurance special investigation litigation, healthcare litigation, worker's compensation defense, Special Lien Proceedings before the Special Adjudication Unit of the Department of Workers Compensation and civil qui tam litigation. Eric has been practicing in these fields since 2008, and has been counsel on several of the largest and most complex qui tam litigations in the State of California. Mr. Danowitz also advises on numerous insurance matters related to special investigations and litigation, including ERISA matters. Currently Mr. Danowitz is the lead/liaison counsel for all insurance carriers, third-party administrators, and self-insured employers in almost all of the currently pending Special Lien Proceedings through Labor Code Section 139.21, as well as the various consolidations related to Lien Claimants challenging the automatic stay provision of Labor Code Section 4615. Over the years Eric has regularly lectured at the Anti-Fraud Alliance Conference, the Southern California Fraud Insurance Association Conference, and the International Association of Special Investigation Units Conference on issues related to healthcare fraud, special investigations, pharmaceutical fraud, and discovery tactics and deposition strategy in complex healthcare litigation.

PACIFIC MARITIME ASSOCIATION

Prior to starting at Mokri, Vanis, & Jones Mr. Danowitz was outside counsel for Pacific Maritime Association for three years. Since that time, he has continued consulting for Pacific Maritime Association in relation to suspected fraudulent claims made against the ILWU-PMA Health Benefit Plan. Moreover, he has experienced representing the plan in two affirmative fraud actions against medical providers who fraudulently billed the Plan.

CALIFORNIA WORKERS COMPENSATION/LONGSHOREMAN CONFLICT

Mr. Danowitz has consulted with various employers in relation to workplace injuries which occur at the Port, and the issues that arise and whether the claim is under the jurisdiction of the CA Workers' Compensation Act, or whether the accident/injury is subject to the Longshoremen's' Act and which laws would apply in determining the litigation of such claims, and the calculation of benefits under each.

Eric also pioneered the workers' compensation claims/lien consolidation procedures at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, and has litigated over 50 lien consolidations to date. Eric regularly represents clients before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, California Superior Court, as well as representing insurance carriers as victims of fraud in criminal matters filed in the State of California.

Mr. Danowitz was named the International Association of Special Investigation Units – Southern California Chapter Attorney of the Year in 2014, and has been named as a Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2017 and 2020.



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EDUCATION

California State University, Northridge, Bachelor of Science, Business Law 2004

University of La Verne, College of Law, Juris Doctor, magna cum laude 2008

ADMISSIONS

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ORGANIZATIONS

Anti-Fraud Alliance

International Association of Special Investigation Units

American Bar Association

Southern California Fraud Investigators Association