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Kimberly Longo is an experienced litigator and appellate advocate specializing in insurance coverage and employment litigation. She represents major insurance companies on complex coverage disputes and offers strategic counsel on claims handling and risk management. Kimberly also maintains a significant employment practice, representing employers and management in a wide range of employment litigation.

Insurance Coverage

Kimberly's insurance coverage practice is dedicated to representing insurers in coverage matters stemming from professional and general liability policies for primary, excess, umbrella and surplus lines carriers. She offers strategic counsel encompassing policy interpretation, claims handling, coverage determinations, alternative dispute resolution, risk management and litigation. Kimberly also represents insurers on insurance coverage matters at the appellate level in federal and state jurisdictions.

Employment

Kimberly is a dedicated advocate for employers in employment law, covering a wide range of areas including discrimination, retaliation, wrongful termination, harassment, breach of contract, and wage-and-hour matters, in individual cases and class action litigation.

In addition to her litigation work, Kimberly provides support to employers by assessing and enhancing their employment policies and procedures. This involves creating policies related to employee background checks, paid leave, wage-and-hour regulations, and misclassification matters. She also assists employers in navigating complex personnel challenges and managing disability and medical leave requirements. Kimberly further provides antidiscrimination and anti-harassment training for management.

Education

Services

- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation
- Directors & Officers Liability
- Employment & Labor
- Employment Practices Liability
- General Liability
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Monitoring/Supervisory Counsel

- Loyola Law School (J.D., 2009)
 - Senior Articles Editor, Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review
- Smith College (B.A. Psychology, 2004)

Bar Admissions

- Texas
- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- Supreme Court of Texas
- Supreme Court of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Clerkships

Judicial Extern, Honorable Dean D. Pregerson, U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Languages

- Korean

Representative Matters

Co-authored a compelling appellate brief that effectively persuaded the Ninth Circuit to uphold summary judgment in favor of the insurer, based on the argument that the underlying lawsuit stemmed from allegations of trademark infringement, falling within the policy's exclusion for intellectual property claims.

Prevailed before the Florida Second District Court of Appeal, affirming summary judgment in favor of the insurer. The appellate court concurred that the underlying consumer class action claim, alleging that the insured's use of the term "organic" on hair care products amounted to false and misleading advertising, did not meet the criteria for implied disparagement and appropriately fell within the policy's intellectual property exclusion.

Won summary judgment for an insurer, affirming the absence of a duty to defend or indemnify in connection with an underlying consumer class action associated with fax-blasting. This decision hinged on the court's recognition that the Telephone Consumer Protection Act exclusion precluded coverage for the entirety of the underlying action.

Successfully tried a contribution case against a non-participating carrier to secure reimbursement for defense and indemnity fees and costs in the underlying case.