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**Society Civil Corp.**

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**RELEVANT LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

**SOCIETY CIVIL CORP., *Overland Park, Kansas***

Founder of non-profit dedicated to resolving conflicts through alternative dispute resolution with a focus on mediation and restorative justice.

2022 – Present  
MEDIATOR

**SCHLESINGER CONRAD, PLLC, *Phoenix, Arizona***

Complex litigation in Arizona and California state and federal courts, and the Court of Appeal. Areas of practice include business litigation, insurance coverage professional negligence, trade secrets/trademark, defamation, fraud, breach of contract, and animal law. Legal and legislative analysis in areas including ERISA, securities, and trademark. Extensive involvement in mediation as an attorney, mediator and arbitrator for civil litigation cases.

2008 – 2021  
ATTORNEY/  
PRINCIPAL  
BUSINESS  
LITIGATION

**LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGARD & SMITH LLP, *Phoenix, Arizona***

Responsibility for insurance defense matters, including professional negligence, medical malpractice, personal injury, contract and coverage disputes.

Primary responsibility for institutional bad faith action with claimed damages of \$48 million. Sole responsibility for negotiations and clients/claims adjusters interface. Mediation, arbitration and trial experience.

2005 – 2008  
SENIOR  
ASSOCIATE  
INSURANCE  
COVERAGE

**BARGER & WOLEN, LLP, *Irvine, California***

Responsibilities consisted of case handling for state and federal disability insurance litigation, including fraud, bad faith, breach of contract, punitive damages, unfair business practices, ERISA and RICO. Analyzed coverage issues. Developed discovery plans, propounded and responded to discovery, reviewed medical records and conducted depositions of medical experts, parties and percipient witnesses.

Extensive law and motion practice included summary judgment motions. Assisted with trial preparation, negotiated settlements, drafted post-trial submissions including appellate briefs.

2001 – 2004  
ASSOCIATE  
INSURANCE  
DEFENSE

**CASE, KNOWLSON, JORDAN & WRIGHT LLP, *Los Angeles, California***

Represented clients in a wide variety of business issues including commercial transactions and leases, environmental issues, fraud, RICO, commercial unlawful detainer, and collection. Research and draft motions, law and motion appearances, depositions.

2000 – 2001  
ASSOCIATE  
BUSINESS  
LITIGATION

## **EDUCATION:**

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Principles of Core Mediation; Practicum

2022  
MEDIATION  
CERTIFICATE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, SCHOOL OF LAW  
Activities: Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs; Moot Court  
Teaching Assistant: Legal Writing;  
Clinical Programs: Trial Advocacy; Depositions & Discovery.

1999  
JURIS  
DOCTORATE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR  
Cultural Anthropology with Highest Distinction (top 3%);  
James B. Angell Scholar (perfect scholarship two or more semesters);  
Class Honors (1995, 1996);  
Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; Golden Key National Honor Society.

1996  
BACHELOR'S  
OF ARTS  
HONOR'S  
DEPARTMENT

## **ADMISSIONS, AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

Admitted: Supreme Court of Kansas Approved Mediator (2022); California State Bar (1999); Arizona State Bar (2005); United States District Court for the Central District of California (1999); United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2001); United States District Court for the District of Arizona (2005); Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal (2010); United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (2015); United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2016).

Affiliations: Heartland Mediators Association (2022); San Diego Bar Association (2012 – 2014); Maricopa County Bar Association (2008 - 2010); Defense Research Institute (2001-2007); American Bar Association (2005-2007); Volunteer Lawyer's Program (2005-2007); Arizona Women Lawyers Association (2005-2006).

Appointments: State Bar of Arizona, Committee on Minorities & Women in the Law (2009-2010); Arbitrator, Superior Court for the State of Arizona, ADR Program (2010 - 2017).

## **SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES AND PUBLISHED CASES:**

### Exemplar Significant Representations:

- Business Litigation: Battling back a default judgment of \$28,000,000.00 after being brought in for a "Hail Mary" pass when another firm allowed terminating sanctions to enter. Schlesinger Conrad redesigned the defense strategy and kept judgment from entering against these high-profile clients.
- Trade Secret: Schlesinger Conrad took on one of the largest mining companies in the world and obtained a trade secret settlement of nearly \$1,000,000.
- Consumer/Credit Reporting: On behalf of a couple from Tucson, Arizona, Kira fought national credit reporting companies and obtained a settlement in the high five figures, and forced the reporting companies to correct credit errors on the clients' credit reports.

- Insurance Bad Faith: Schlesinger Conrad obtained a high five-figure insurance settlement following a theft from a self-move van, even though there was little evidence of the value of the stolen items.
- Insurance Bad Faith: Schlesinger Conrad was able to obtain a confidential settlement for her clients after a strip-mall fire wiped out all other businesses at the mall, while barely touching the client's business. Settlement was based upon the lack of foot traffic after the fire.
- Insurance Coverage: After Plaintiff moved for inflated individual damages, Schlesinger Conrad proposed the winning argument, defeating coverage for the individuals. The policy was issued to the corporation, which suffered minimal damages, and Schlesinger Conrad was able to show that the individuals lacked standing.

Exemplar Published Cases:

*Loomis v. United States Bank Home Mortg.*,  
912 F. Supp. 2d 848 (D. Ariz. 2012)

*Hedges Indus. Enters. v. Rio Tinto PLC*,  
No. CV-09-8113-PCT-GMS, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81221 (D. Ariz. 2010)

*Starpoint v. Unitex Industries, Inc., et al.*  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case BC410026

*Provident Life and Accident Ins. Co. v. Van Gemert*,  
262 F.Supp.2d 1047 (C.D.Cal., 2003)

*Sherman v. The Paul Revere Life Ins. Co.*,  
CV 03-5730 DT(PJWX), 2004 WL 4946213 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 17, 2004)

*Waggner v. UNUM Life Ins. Co. of America*,  
238 F.Supp.2d 1179 (S.D.Cal., 2002).