

Staking Her Claim

Lisa Kralik Hansen's inspiring journey from cautious Corn Belt bookworm to confident, top-tier California insurance coverage litigator.

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In many ways, it's a uniquely American story: A shy Nebraska farm girl feeds her quick mind by reading encyclopedias and excelling in school, then winds up in Los Angeles at the pinnacle of a law career she never imagined for herself.

"On the first day of freshman orientation at Creighton University, they asked us to declare a career path: pre-med or pre-law?" says Lisa Kralik Hansen. "I'd done well in public speaking and mock trial in high school, so I picked law."

Fast forward seven intense, accolade-studded academic years later. Hansen picked up her Creighton University School of Law J.D. degree, got in the car, and headed to California and to her first job as an attorney in a product liability firm focused on defense of the automotive industry.

"I was thrown into the fire early. One of my first assignments involved working on post-trial motions following a six-week trial that had just ended. I loved every minute of it, but it was intense," Hansen recalls. "We later convinced the California Supreme Court to accept review of that same case. I also discovered my talent for public speaking allowed me to be very comfortable arguing motions in front of a judge."

She's been in California ever since, earning robust respect for her achievements in a niche specialty.

Wide-Ranging Skills

Today, Hansen is a 29-year insurance coverage law veteran with an extraordinary breadth of expertise.

Her litigation defense and appellate experience includes cases of employment practices liability, insurance broker errors and omissions, product liability, legal malpractice, medical malpractice, toxic tort, and general and business litigation.

She has extensive experience handling appeals in California state courts and the Ninth Circuit, from insurance coverage to business disputes to product liability. She joined Cochran, Davis & Associates, P.C. in 2014.

"When I joined this firm, I found the perfect match for my decades of varied experience in insurance coverage, product liability litigation, business litigation, and appellate work. Our combined expertise provides a strong foundation for top-notch legal representation of our insurance and private clients," Hansen explains.

Hansen's comprehensive knowledge of insurance law minutiae and the details of litigation drive her practice. She has used those skills to achieve success on early dispositive motions for clients in a variety of industries that include automotive manufacturers, insurance companies, foreign product manufacturers for the agricultural industry, insurance



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"Our clients often face the expense and uncertainty of litigation in California. We look at ways to position a case for resolution or a dispositive motion, based on a deep understanding of the facts and the law. To that goal, I approach each case with a distinctly creative energy and a deeply analytic mind. Our firm works closely with clients to achieve their objectives as honestly and efficiently as possible."

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brokers, and real estate management professionals. "We seek to use targeted depositions to accomplish a specific purpose along with dispositive motions to position our clients for the best possible outcome," says Hansen. That focus, as Hansen recounts, "has resulted in many disputes being resolved on summary judgment or demurrer, saving our clients the time and expense of full-blown litigation."

Hansen has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer® in insurance coverage every year since 2014.

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