



## KIRK PASICH

Partner

According to *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Kirk Pasich is one of the country's best-known and most respected lawyers. He represents insureds in a wide range of disputes with insurers and insurance brokers, and focuses on maximizing the value of clients' insurance portfolios. Kirk has represented insureds in obtaining coverage for losses from civil unrest, earthquakes, explosions, floods, hurricanes, mass shootings, natural gas leaks, product tampering, terrorism, and wildfires. He also has helped insureds obtain coverage for business interruption losses, crime losses, cyber losses, event cancellations, and political risks. Kirk also has represented insureds in obtaining coverage for a wide range of claims, liabilities, and lawsuits, including bodily injury, directors and officers, intellectual property, products liability, and securities claims.

Kirk has handled more than 60 trials and arbitrations and more than 50 appellate proceedings. Kirk has helped clients obtain more than \$6 billion in insurance recoveries. He is a prolific author and speaker, and his articles have been cited and quoted by numerous courts.

Kirk has been lead counsel in matters throughout California and in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Vermont, as well as in Bermuda and England. Kirk has obtained several verdicts for his clients that have been ranked among the 10 largest jury verdicts of the year in California. He also has argued many times before California and federal appellate courts. Kirk has obtained key appellate decisions on insurance, the attorney-client privilege, procedural issues, and various other subjects.

Kirk also has handled substantial commercial litigation matters, including breach of contract, fiduciary duty and fraud claims, construction disputes, idea submission and copyright infringement claims, professional malpractice claims, real estate disputes, and tax issues. He also has served as an arbitrator and as an expert witness on insurance and ethical issues.

### PUBLICATIONS

Kirk is the author of more than 500 articles and columns. He has written insurance and entertainment law columns for the *Daily Journal* for more than 25 years. His articles also have been featured in *The ABA Journal*, *ACC Docket*, *Advocate*, *Business Insurance*, *California Lawyer*, *The Corporate Analyst*, *Coverage*, *The Deal*, *Environmental Claims Journal*, *The Insurance Coverage Law Bulletin*, *The Legal Times*, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, *Los Angeles Lawyer*, *Mealey's Litigation Reports*, *The National Law Journal*, *National Underwriter*, *The Ohio State Law Journal*, *Sacramento Digest*, and *Tort and Insurance Law Journal*, among others. His articles have been cited and quoted by various courts, including the California and Arizona Supreme Courts.

Kirk has written or contributed to various books:

- *The Attorney-Client Privilege in Civil Litigation* (5th ed. ABA, 2017) (contributing author)
- *California Insurance Law and Practice* (LexisNexis, 2009) (contributing author)

- *California Litigation Forms: Civil Procedure Before Trial* (West, 2000) (contributing author and co-editor)
- *Casualty and Liability Insurance* (Matthew Bender 2003) (author)
- *The Complex Insurance Coverage Litigation Handbook* (ABA 2010) (contributing author and editor)
- *Directors and Officers: Liabilities and Protections* (LexisNexis 2003) (contributing author)
- *The Drafting History Debate* (Mealey Publications 1995) (contributing author)
- *Entertainment Litigation* (Oxford University Press 2017) (contributing author)
- *Los Angeles Disaster Assistance Manual* (1992) (contributing author)
- *New Appleman Sports and Entertainment Insurance Law & Practice Guide* (LexisNexis 2016) (co-author)
- *The Year 2000 and Beyond: Liabilities and Insurance for Computer Code Problems* (CCH 2000) (co-editor and co-author)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Kirk has spoken and made presentations on more than 100 occasions, including at programs sponsored by the American Bar Association, the Association of Corporate Counsel, Executive Enterprises, IncrementalAdvantage, the Institute for Corporate Counsel, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Loyola Sports Law Institute, Mealey's, Practising Law Institute, RIMS, the UCLA Entertainment Law Symposium, and the USC Gould School of Law.

He also has taught legal education programs on a wide range of subjects, including eliminating bias in the legal profession, ethics, insurance, intellectual property, and lawyering skills.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Kirk has received many honors and recognitions, including:

- *ACQ5 Global Awards*: Named the 2017 "USA (Los Angeles) Game Changer of the Year"
- *Benchmark Litigation*: Named a California "Litigation Star" and ranked National Tier 1
- *Best in the U.S.*: Named among "Best in Class"
- *Best Lawyers in America*: Named a "Best Lawyer" since 2005, the 2018 Los Angeles Insurance-Litigation Lawyer of the Year, and the 2011 Los Angeles Insurance Lawyer of the Year
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*: Named "the market leader for policyholder representation in California" and "the policyholder attorney most likely to come up with a new argument or perspective concerning policy language"; awarded "Band 1" rating for insurance in California and named as one of 12 "Band 1" national policyholder lawyers
- *Daily Journal*: Named a member of the "Legal Dream Team" as one of California's Top 25 litigators
- *The International Who's Who of Insurance & Reinsurance Lawyers*: Named one of the top 250 attorneys worldwide
- *Lawdragon*: Named one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America"
- *The Legal 500 United States*: Named an "all-star lawyer" in insurance and "an unmistakable feature of California's insurance landscape"
- *Los Angeles Business Journal*: Named one of Los Angeles' Top 10 Litigators and one of the nation's top litigation attorneys

- *Southern California Super Lawyers*: Named one of the Top 100 Southern California lawyers and to its “Ten Year Top List Achievement”
- *Variety: Legal Impact Report*: Named as one of the nation’s Top 50 entertainment lawyers

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Kirk is a member of the American Bar Association, the ABA Tort & Insurance Practice Section, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS).

Kirk has served on the board of directors for The Alliance for Children’s Rights and as a volunteer attorney in the adoptions of foster children since 1997. He also has served on the boards of directors of the Constitutional Rights Foundation, The National Academy of Jazz, and The Woody Herman Foundation, as a member of the board of editors, Insurance Coverage Law Bulletin, and as a member of the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame Committee.

## MEDIA

Kirk has been interviewed on Fox Business Channel regarding insurance coverage for wildfires, Fox News “Weekend Live” regarding insurance coverage for hurricane losses, the CBS Nightly News, and the ABC Nightly News. He also has been quoted in most of the country’s major newspapers, in various industry publications, including *Daily Variety* and *Business Insurance*, and in publications and radio broadcasts in other countries.

## OUTSIDE THE FIRM

For many years Kirk was the co-owner of the famed Mystery Bookstore, one of the oldest independent bookstores in Los Angeles. He is the co-owner and co-founder of Blue Élan Records, an independent record label with a Grammy nomination and a roster of 25 artists. He has three grown children, is an avid rock ‘n’ roll fan and music collector, and is deeply involved with UCLA Women’s Basketball.

## ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

## EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (J.D., *cum laude*, 1980)  
University of California Los Angeles (B.A., *cum laude*, 1977)