Daniel Whitcomb

Associate Attorney

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Summary

Associate attorney licensed in Arizona with 4 years in insurance defense litigation, carrying a docket of 45 bodily injury and premises liability cases. Handles legal research, motion practice and discovery from the answer through mediation, and writes the case evaluations adjusters use to set reserves.

Experience

Associate Attorney
01/2024 - Present

Calderon Mesa Law Group
Phoenix, AZ

Insurance defense firm of 25 attorneys representing carriers and self-insured businesses.

- Manage a docket of **45** bodily injury and premises cases from answer to mediation for 6 carrier clients.
- Lead drafting of dispositive motions, winning or narrowing claims in 7 of 10 summary judgment motions.
- Take and defend 60+ depositions of plaintiffs, treating physicians and accident reconstruction experts.
- Prepare mediation briefs and lead negotiation with plaintiff counsel, resolving 22 cases at 35% below the opening demand.

Law Clerk
09/2022 - 12/2023

Pruitt & Vance PLLC
Tempe, AZ

Civil litigation firm; clerked while awaiting bar results, then worked as a first-year associate.

- Researched Arizona tort and coverage law on Westlaw, producing **50+** memos for 4 partners.
- Assembled written discovery, privilege logs and document productions for 30 litigation files.
- Wrote first drafts of answers, motions to compel and pretrial statements that partners filed with light edits.
- Compiled exhibits and argument outlines for 12 hearings and court-ordered settlement conferences.

Education

Juris Doctor (J.D.)
05/2022

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Phoenix, AZ
Law

Skills

- Litigation
- Legal Research
- Legal Writing
- Drafting
- Motion Practice
- Discovery
- Depositions
- Negotiation
- Westlaw
- Attention to Detail

Certificates

Admitted to Practice, State Bar of Arizona
10/2022
Supreme Court of Arizona