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SUMMARY

Christian E. Bredeson is a trial attorney and partner at the firm's Orange County office. Mr. Bredeson's legal practice revolves around the representation of professionals and businesses in a variety of disputes including construction defect, environmental, pollution, general and professional liability and contractual liability claims. Mr. Bredeson regularly represents architects, engineers, lawyers, and other professionals in malpractice lawsuits and arbitrations focusing his time defending private entities in civil litigation matters involving wrongful death, property damage, serious personal injury and allegations of breach of contract, negligence and intentional misconduct. In addition to his extensive litigation activities, he works with his clients to improve their contracts and actively find ways to limit the potential risks of a construction project before the work even begins.

Mr. Bredeson is a member of several industry organizations, including the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and he writes and is published on a variety of legal topics.

Mr. Bredeson obtained his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Carthage College and went on to graduate from Dale E Fowler School of Law (Chapman University) in Orange, California in 2005, where he received an Emphasis certificate in Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Law.

EXPERIENCE

Summary Judgment Victory for Land Surveyor: Mr. Bredeson represented a professional land surveyor for breach of fiduciary duty and alleged errors and omissions that led to a homeowner's property being smaller than reported on title and therefore too small to subdivide into multiple lots without violating local zoning requirements. Through a motion for summary judgment, Mr. Bredeson prevailed in defending the surveyor on all claims and also obtained an award of litigation costs in favor of his client against

the plaintiff.

International Geotechnical Engineer Dismissed by General Contractor Without Contribution to Global Settlement of Case:

Mr. Bredeson defended his client, a large internationally based geotechnical engineer, for work the engineer performed on a microtunneling project in Orange County. After the contractor initiated a claim for nearly \$20 million, Mr. Bredeson was able to demonstrate not only that his client had no liability, but his defenses caused the contractor to pay the owner approximately \$12 million in settlement for remediation of property damages caused during tunneling activity.

Defended General Contractor from Environmental and Breach of Warranty Claims:

Mr. Bredeson represented and defended a general contractor under an environmental insurance policy against claims by a Southern California water agency in excess of \$1 million where it was alleged that a chemical leak at a desalination facility in Southern California killed marine life and required extensive repair and replacement.

Defense of Architect of Basketball Facility in Personal Injury

Case: Mr. Bredeson defended an architect client that was sued for its design of a basketball facility after plaintiff suffered lacerations to his hand. Mr. Bredeson brokered a favorable settlement of the matter amongst all parties involved.

Automatic Sliding Door Repair Contractor Defended After Elderly Woman Struck by Closing Door at Airport:

Mr. Bredeson represented a contractor sued for personal injury caused by a malfunctioning sliding glass door. Mr. Bredeson successfully extracted the client from the case for a nuisance value settlement.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)
- Orange County Bar Association
- American Council of Engineering Companies – Risk Management Committee

PUBLICATIONS/SEMINARS

- *Let the Payments Flow –United Riggers and Erectors v. Coast Iron & Steel*
- *Design-Build – Shifting Roles*
- *Protecting Your Legal Right to Payment*
- *Frack Attack: Fallout from \$3 Million Judgment in Fracking Trial*

- *Do I Observe, Supervise, or Inspect When I Step Foot Inside the Construction Zone?*
- *The Must-Haves and Should-Haves of Engineering Contracts*
- *Hydraulic Fracturing in California: Boom or Bust?*
- *Legal Side of Engineering II: Construction Phase Services*
- *SB 496 – Some Relief for Design Professionals in Indemnity Law!*

PRACTICE AREAS

- Trial
- Professional Liability
- Product Liability
- General Casualty Litigation
- Environmental Law
- Manufacturer Liability

EDUCATION

- Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law (J.D., 2005)
- Carthage College (B.A. English, 1998)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2005

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court, Central District of California, 2005