

# LINDA LEES DWYER



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2017 to present Laughlin Falbo Levy & Moresi

*Workers' Compensation Defense Attorney*

- Represent public entities, employers and insurers in all aspects of litigation of Worker's Compensation cases, including case analysis, depositions, hearings, trials, mediations, appeals and settlement

2012 to 2017 **Law Offices of Vincent J. Scotto**

2005- 2012 **Law Offices of Vincent J. Scotto and Law Offices of Galine  
Frye and Fitting (.5 at both firms)**

*Attorney-Applicant –represented injured workers*

- Handled all aspects of litigation of Workers' Compensation cases, representing injured workers, full case handling including: case analysis, depositions, hearings, trials, mediations, appeals and settlement
- Evaluated complex cases in litigation for purpose of developing and executing plan for resolution

2002-2005 **American Commercial Claims Administrators**

*A.V.P. Workers' Compensation Claims*

Part of Senior Management Team with specific responsibility for:

- Litigation Management Department
- Subrogation Department
- Investigations/Fraud Department
- Training and Education
- Facilities
- Vendor Management (other than medical)

1993-2002 **Argonaut Insurance Company**

*Vice President Worker's Compensation Claims*

- Responsible for technical oversight and leadership of 21 field offices and 13 Claim Managers located throughout the United States

- Developed Litigation Management Program-implemented and trained claim departments countrywide in legal audit and management
- Developed Technical Claim Audit Program-implemented and trained claim managers and supervisors countrywide
- Responsible for all reserve change approvals on all workers' compensation files with reserves in excess of \$250,000. (Avg. number of files at this level: 2500 nationwide)
- Responsible for settlement authority on all cases with reserves in excess of \$250,000. (Avg. number of files at this level: 2500 nationwide)
- Responsible for all claim processing
- Responsible for all claim vendors, including medical cost containment, medical management, pharmacy cost containment, investigative services and legal services
- Lead due diligence claim audits on companies being reviewed for acquisition
- Assisted General Counsel in contract review and corporate litigation
- Responsible for Fraud programs nationwide
- Worked with Systems department on all aspects of claim system updates and development
- Lead "Best Practice" teams, reviewing all claim handling and processing procedures countrywide
- Represented Claims at large account meetings and at RIMS
- Testified as "person most knowledgeable" for corporation
- Worked with reinsurers, state auditors, and others on all audits involving claims nationally

1987-1988     **Transamerica Insurance Company**     San Mateo, CA

*Attorney-Workers' Compensation Defense*

Handled caseload of primarily workers' compensation subrogation (civil) cases and workers' compensation cases; covered all of northern California

- Trained Examiners in workers' compensation subrogation

1988-1993     *Managing Attorney*

- Managed law firm for Transamerica Insurance Company

Staff included Attorneys, Hearing Representatives, Paralegals, Legal Secretaries and Receptionist (17 people)

Office handled all Transamerica workers' compensation defense and subrogation for northern California; approximately 850 cases in litigation. Represented Transamerica and policyholders in all aspects of litigation: depositions, arbitrations, mediations and trials.

- Handled workers' compensation subrogation and defense caseload with average of 88 files;
- Trained Attorneys, Hearing Representatives and Legal Secretaries for other Transamerica house counsel operations

- Provided training to Transamerica claim departments in California
- Served as model office for Transamerica House Counsel operations

1985-86                    **Mullin and Filippi**                    San Francisco, CA

*Attorney- Defense (part time position)*

- Handled workers' compensation subrogation cases
- Handled workers' compensation cases

1983-85                    **Vorsatz & Vorsatz** Attorneys at Law                    Burlingame, CA

*Attorney- Plaintiff (part time position)*

- Represented Plaintiffs in personal injury litigation

1982                        **Safeco Insurance Company**                    Burlingame, CA

*Liability Examiner and Supervisor*

- Handled general liability and personal injury claims
- Supervised general liability and personal injury claims

1981                        **Prudential Insurance Company**                    San Mateo, CA

*Assistant Manager-Liability Claims*

- Managed liability examiners and claims

1978-1981                **Travelers Insurance Company**                    San Francisco, CA

*Legal Malpractice Examiner and Supervisor*

- Handled claims made against attorneys in California
- Managed litigation
- Analyzed and settled cases
- Supervised examiners handling legal malpractice claims

## EDUCATION

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1969-1973                Ball State University                    Muncie, Indiana

*Elementary Education and Special Education*

Honors Program Graduate; B.S. Cum Laude

1974-1975                Indiana University                    Bloomington, Indiana

*Special Education: Masters' Program in Individualized Education*

Graduate Assistant to Department Chair

1975-1977

*Indiana University School of Law: Law*

Graduate Assistant: School Law; J.D.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/ACTIVITIES

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California Bar-Active member

Indiana Bar-Inactive member

Former Member CWCI Legal Committee and Claim Committee

Expert Testimony: Workers' Compensation Claim Handling

Judge Pro-Tem, San Francisco WCAB, as needed

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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San Mateo Union High School District Trustee (2005-2022)

Burlingame Elementary School Board Trustee (2000-2005)

First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame,

Sunday School Teacher (1998-2005)

Chair of Personnel Committee (2005-2008)

Clerk of Session and Member of Personnel and Administration Committee,  
Finance Committee and Endowment Committee (2008-2018)

CALL Primrose, President of Board(2017 and 2018), Executive VP (2014-2017),  
Secretary (2012-2014), Member (2008-2018)

City of Burlingame Civil Service Commission (2002-2005)

AYSO Soccer Area Referee and referee trainer (12 years)

San Mateo County licensed foster parent (2015 to present)

Exchange Student Parent: South Korea, Germany, Brazil (2010-2015)

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