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Mr. McCoy has practiced insurance law for over 40 years. He has handled a number of sophisticated insurance matters from a first party standpoint, including the representation of insurers and third party claims administrators in insurance policy disputes, along with representation in defense of bad faith and extra-contractual litigation. Mr. McCoy has also provided legal advice on insurance policy formation and interpretation of insurance policy terminology, in addition to occasionally serving as an expert witness in insurance related matters.

Mr. McCoy has a great deal of experience in third party insurance based representation, particularly in the professional liability area. Such experience has included representation of insurance brokers, both retail and wholesale. This representation has involved insurance cases as to the brokering and producing of insurance policies. Mr. McCoy has also represented parties in defense on construction defect litigation, premises liability litigation, related defense in products liability litigation, and defense of employment related matters.

Mr. McCoy is also a credentialed mediator and arbitrator. Through his vast experience, he is able to bring a wealth of knowledge to negotiation during mediations to achieve an amicable resolution. As an arbitrator, Mr. McCoy has the experience and wisdom to listen closely to arguments of counsel and carefully weigh the evidence before writing and preparing a decision or award.

Mr. McCoy is active in the Insurance and Construction Sections of the State Bar. He has previously been named in *Best Insurance Lawyers*, a Texas Super Lawyer, and one of *H Magazine's* Outstanding Attorneys. He has been AV rated by Martindale Hubble Legal Directory for more than 30 years, and has previously written for and spoken at leading insurance seminars throughout the state.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas Supreme Court-State Bar of Texas

United States District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Professional Liability Defense
- Premises Liability Defense
- Products Liability Defense
- Construction Litigation
- Insurance Policy Interpretation and Advice
- First Party Insurance Representation- Declaratory Judgment Proceedings
- Insurance Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Defense
- Mediator and Arbitrator

EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Attorney: Winters, Deaton & Briggs: March, 1979–Dec, 1984
- Partner: Deaton & Briggs: Jan, 1985–Aug, 1990
- Partner: Gilpin, Paxson & Bersch: Aug, 1990–Aug, 1995
- Managing Partner, Houston Office: Benckenstein & Oxford: Aug, 1995–Sept, 1999
- Partner: Rice, Fowler: Sept, 1999–April, 2002
- Managing Partner, Houston Office: Fowler Rodriguez: April, 2002–Dec, 2018
- Partner: Jones Walker: Jan, 2019–June, 2019
- Senior Counsel: Lugenbuhl: July, 2019–Sept, 2021
- Partner: Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom: Oct, 2021

EDUCATION

- University of Texas at Austin: BA, Political Science (High Honors) 1976
- Baylor Law School: JD 1979
 - Articles Editor: Baylor Law Review

PUBLICATIONS

- Insurance Companies and the Defense Firm Relationship: 1994
- Representing an Insurance Company at Trial and Overcoming Jury Bias: 1994
- Disputes Among Insurance Carriers: 1997
- Appraisal and Arbitration in Insurance Policies: 1997
- Overview of Agents' and Brokers' Errors and Omissions Liability: 1998
- Recent Trends in Employment Law: 1998
- Professional Liability Claims and Coverage issues: 2014
- Policyholder's Duty to Cooperate: Does It Have Limits and What is the Effect?: 2015
- Contractual Indemnity and Additional Insureds: Differences and Similarities: 2018
- Big Changes in the Law Regarding UM/UIM Claims: 2019



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