



GRIMM VRANJES GREER
STEPHAN & BRIDGMAN LLP



Firm Overview

Founded in 1976, Grimm Vranjes Greer Stephan & Bridgman LLP is an AV rated law firm located in San Diego, California. Since our founding, we have built and maintained strong ties throughout Southern California. During our four decades of service, we have consistently enjoyed solid relationships with our clients, including:

- Insurance Companies
- Professionals
- Corporations
- Businesses
- Municipalities
- Institutions
- Risk-Managers
- Private individuals involved in general complex litigation in state and federal courts

Our clients rely on our aggressive and professional representation in cases that include:

- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Appellate Practice
- Construction Defect Litigation
- Design Professional Liability
- Elder Abuse Litigation
- Employment Law and Wrongful Termination
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
- Government Tort Liability
- Insurance Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions
- Insurance Bad Faith Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Analysis
- Intellectual Property
- Legal Malpractice Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Pharmacy Malpractice Litigation
- Products Liability
- Real Estate Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions
- Real Estate Litigation
- Trucking Litigation

We achieve favorable results because of our clearly-defined mission to listen to clients and reach their goals through responsible and effective representation on a cost-efficient basis.

Grimm Vranjes Greer Stephan & Bridgman LLP insists on and values clear, concise, and timely reporting to its clients. We employ the most up-to-date computer equipment and software for word processing, litigation support, document management, billing, and accounting.

Grimm Vranjes Greer Stephan & Bridgman LLP is located in downtown San Diego and provides service throughout Southern California.

About Us

The principles and philosophy that guide a law firm are as critical as the education and experience of its attorneys. At Grimm Vranjes Greer Stephan & Bridgman LLP, we understand that without aggressive and committed oversight to cost management and concentrated effort, legal costs and fees can spiral out of control with no resolution or satisfactory conclusion to a case.

Since 1976, Grimm Vranjes Greer Stephan & Bridgman LLP has combined aggressive defense representation, cost management and communication to provide our clients with a wide variety of legal services including:

- **Trial Experience.** When a case cannot be resolved, our attorneys are experienced trial attorneys.
- **Personalized Attention.** Our attorneys take an individualized approach to each and every case, and our team management prevents duplication of efforts to ensure maximum efficiency.
- **Efficient Cost Management.** Costs are more than merely legal fees and other directly associated expenses. We also consider the impact litigation can have on our clients due to the time and expense of having to re-direct resources to participate in the defense of the case, and the stress associated with litigation.
- **Initial Evaluation.** We dedicate ourselves to understanding every aspect of a client's case, and provide an in-depth analysis and evaluation of the probable outcome of litigation and the estimated costs.
- **Open Communication.** When we can honestly and openly communicate the likely outcome of a client's case, balanced by the realistic estimates of financial and other costs at each stage of the litigation, we can offer options that may provide satisfactory resolutions to virtually any dispute.

We have partnered with major insurance companies, institutions, corporations, individuals, municipalities, and self-insured entities for over forty years, each of whom values our reputation for integrity with the judges before whom we appear and in the legal community in which we practice. Our longstanding relationship with existing clients continues to be a source of pride and accomplishment for our firm.

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Lisa S. Bridgman

Partner



Lisa S. Bridgman graduated from the University of San Diego in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. She obtained her Juris Doctor (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2001. Ms. Bridgman joined the firm in 2001 and became a partner in 2014. Her practice includes insurance coverage analysis and litigation. Ms. Bridgman is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California, and all of the United States District Courts in California.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Order of the Coif
- San Diego Law Review – Executive Editor, (2000-2001) and Member, (1999-2001)
- Article published: Is Lowering the Age at Which Juveniles Can Be Transferred to Adult Criminal Court the Answer to Juvenile Crime?
- Judicial Extern for Honorable Thomas J. Whelan, United States District Judge, Southern District of California San Diego, CA (Jan – May 2001)
- Intern, United States Attorney's Office – Civil Division San Diego, CA (Jan – Apr 2000)
- Extern, Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate District San Diego, CA (Summer 1999)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Insurance Coverage Analysis

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California

EDUCATION

- B.A., Business Administration, University of San Diego, 1997
- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2001

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association, San Diego
- Member, San Diego Defense Lawyers

Stephen P. Conching

Partner



Stephen Conching graduated from University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, in 2006, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Pre-Law. He obtained his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from California Western School of Law, San Diego, California, in 2011.

Mr. Conching joined the firm in 2012. His practice includes general civil litigation. He is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California and the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

- California Western Law Review Writer and Editor, Spring 2010-Spring 2011
- Dean's Honor List
- Judicial Extern for the Honorable Bernard G. Skomal, US District Court, Southern District of California
- Law Clerk for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California (2010)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate Practice
- Insurance Bad Faith Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Trucking Litigation

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California

EDUCATION

- B.A., Political Science with a minor in Pre-Law, University of the Pacific, 2006
- J.D., California Western School of Law, 2011 magna cum laude

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, San Diego Defense Lawyers

Charles A. Phillips

Partner



Charles Phillips graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, cum laude. He moved to San Diego in 1982. He received his Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law, magna cum laude, in 1985.

Mr. Phillips joined the firm in 1985. He is admitted to practice before all the courts of the State of California, and all of the United States District Courts in California, and the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction Defect Litigation
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
- Insurance Bad Faith Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Analysis
- Personal injury & Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

- B.A., History, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 1982
- J.D., California Western School of Law, 1985

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, San Diego Defense Lawyers
- University of San Diego, Moot Court Judge

Greg D. Stephan

Partner



Greg Stephan attended Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1981. In 1987 he obtained a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from California Western School of Law, where he was a Notes and Comments Editor for the California Western Law Review.

Mr. Stephan joined the firm in 1987 and became a partner in 2000. He is admitted to practice before all the courts of the State of California, and all of the United States District Courts in California, and the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. He believes that the focus in litigation matters should be communication with the client in order to protect their best interests.

Mr. Stephan draws from a diverse employment background including work in the construction, accounting and iron-works fabrication fields. He was actively involved in the Rancho Bernardo community school system and youth sports programs.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction Defect Litigation
- Insurance Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions
- Legal Malpractice Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Real Estate Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

- B.A., Economics, Franklin & Marshall College, 1981
- J.D., California Western School of Law, 1987

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, San Diego Defense Lawyers

Mark Vranjes

Partner



Mark Vranjes has resided in San Diego County since 1969. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Economics and History from the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) in 1978, and after graduating from UCSD he worked as a banking officer until 1979. He earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1982 from the University of San Diego School of Law and was a member of the Law Review.

Mr. Vranjes joined the firm in 1982 and became a partner in 1986. Since 1989, Mr. Vranjes has been the firm's managing partner. He is admitted to practice before all the courts of the State of California, and all of the United States District Courts in California.

Mr. Vranjes' practice centers around the handling of complex litigation matters with extensive trial experience in the areas listed below. He has taught seminars on civil practice through the San Diego County Bar.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction Defect Litigation
- Design Professional Liability
- Employment Law and Wrongful Termination
- Government Tort Liability
- Insurance Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions
- Insurance Bad Faith Litigation
- Legal Malpractice Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Real Estate Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions
- Real Estate Litigation

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California

EDUCATION

- B.A., Economics and History, UC San Diego, 1978
- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1982

AFFILIATIONS

- American Board of Trial Attorneys (ABOTA)
- Judge Pro Tem, San Diego Superior Court
- Guest Lecturer, University of San Diego School of Law, California Western School of Law, Thomas Jefferson Law School
- Instructor, San Diego Inn of Court
- Past Member, American Inn of Court
- Past Member, Independent Calendaring Committee, San Diego Superior Court
- Member, San Diego Defense Lawyers
- Member, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Member, Defense Research Institute

Kimberly V. Cardinal

Associate



Ms. Cardinal joined the firm in 2022. Her practice includes general civil litigation and insurance coverage analysis. She is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California and the United States District Court for all the Districts of California.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Externship with the California Innocence Project, San Diego
- American Jurisprudence Awards
- Dean's Honor List

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil Litigation Insurance Coverage Analysis
- Insurance Defense Litigation

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California

EDUCATION

- B.A., California State University, San Marcos
- J.D., California Western School of Law, 2022

Alexandra R. Inman

Associate



Alexandra R. Inman graduated from The George Washington University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, and a Minor in Criminal Justice. She obtained her Juris Doctor (cum laude) from California Western School of Law, San Diego, California, in 2020.

Ms. Inman joined the firm in 2021. Her practice includes intellectual property, copyrights and trademarks, entertainment and sports law, general civil litigation, and insurance coverage analysis. She is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California, the United States District Court for the All Districts of California, and the Ninth Circuit.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Contributor to a Comment on Copyright Registration Modernization with New Media Rights – later published in the Intellectual Property Law Journal. Title: Fixing Copyright Registration for Online Video Creators: The Case for Group Registration of Published Videos.
- American Jurisprudence Awards
- Dean's Honor List

PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property, Copyrights, and Trademarks
- Entertainment and Sports Law
- Civil Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Analysis
- Insurance Defense Litigation

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California
- Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

- B.A., The George Washington University, 2013
- J.D., California Western School of Law, 2020

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, San Diego Defense Lawyers
- Member, The Lawyer's Club of San Diego
- Member, Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Member, California Lawyers Association

Tyler L. Kaminsky

Associate



Tyler L. Kaminsky graduated from Arizona State University in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Policy/Public Service with a focus in criminology. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law, in 2023.

Mr. Kaminsky joined the firm in 2023. His practice includes landlord/tenant, construction defect, insurance defense, and general litigation. He is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California and the United States District Court for All Districts of California.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Contributor to Minority Cannabis Business Associations' National Cannabis Equity Report (2022)- later published in connection with Weedmaps
- Dean's Honor List

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- All California State Courts
- All Federal District Courts of California

EDUCATION

- B.S., Science and Public Administration, 2020
- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2023

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

Jeffrey F. Manzi

Associate



Jeffrey F. Manzi graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1998.

Mr. Manzi joined the firm in 2001. His practice has included general civil litigation, focusing on personal injury, insurance coverage and products liability. Mr. Manzi is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California, and all of the United States District Courts in California.

PRACTICE AREAS

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- Insurance Agent/Broker Errors and Omissions
- Insurance Coverage Analysis
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- Products Liability

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EDUCATION

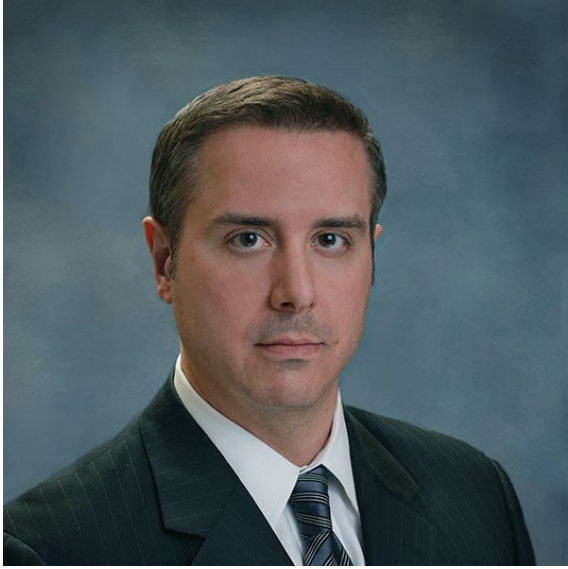
- B.A., History, UC Los Angeles, 1994
- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1998

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, San Diego Defense Lawyers

Matthew Morache

Associate



Matthew Morache graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign, Illinois in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. He obtained his Juris Doctor (Cum Laude) from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2001.

Mr. Morache joined the firm in 2002. His practice focuses on insurance coverage analysis and insurance coverage litigation. His practice also includes general civil litigation. Mr. Morache is admitted to practice before the courts of the State of California, and all of the United States District Courts in California.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Order of the Coif
- Graduate Law Clerk, San Diego District Attorney San Diego, CA (Aug 2001 – Feb 2002)
- San Diego Law Review Member, (1999-2001)
- Intern, United States Attorney's Office – Civil Division San Diego, CA (Jan – Apr 2000)
- Judicial Extern for Honorable Thomas J. Whelan, United States District Judge, Southern District of California San Diego, CA (Aug 1999 – Dec 1999)

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- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 2001

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