



## JAMES R. TENERO

## PARTNER

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James (Jamie) Tenero is a Partner in Selman Breitman's San Francisco office and is a member of the firm's Insurance Coverage and Commercial Litigation practice groups. Jamie predominately represents commercial general liability insurers in policyholder breach of contract and bad faith actions, as well as inter-insurer disputes, including the prosecution and defense of subrogation actions among excess and primary insurers and against third-party tortfeasors. His practice includes cases arising out of alleged construction defects, intra- and interstate-trucking accidents, tenant housing and professional negligence. Jamie's clients also include local technology companies regarding matters of insurance compliance. Jamie practices in California state and federal courts.

Jamie's considerable experience provides him a unique ability to evaluate complex insurance issues, including primary and excess coverage issues (such as, primary insurer obligations to excess insurers, drop-down, exhaustion and priority of coverage), application of project-specific coverages, the interplay of subrogation, indemnity and contractual risk transfer, as well as issues involving wasting or burning limit policies (including, defense and settlement implications). Jamie works closely with Claim Representatives and General Counsel in a collegial manner to safely navigate his clients through these issues to satisfactory resolution. With respect to commercial trucking coverage, Jamie is responsible for the leading California appellate court decision, *Am. Int'l Underwriters Ins. Co. v. Am. Guarantee & Liab. Ins. Co.*, 181 Cal. App. 4th 616, 105 Cal. Rptr. 3d 64 (2010).

Jamie is called upon by clients to give presentations on various subject matters relating to insurance coverage, including preserving coverage defenses. Jamie is peer-rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell—the highest level of professional excellence. Jamie presented at the American Bar Association's 2014 Litigation Section's Annual Conference regarding, "When the Lights Go Out: Claims and Coverage for Business Interruption after Superstorm Sandy." He was a featured speaker at the American Bar Association's 2015 Insurance Coverage Midyear Conference regarding, "Primary and Excess Coverage in Construction Defect Cases," and co-authored a paper that was published in the ABA's publication *The Brief*.

Jamie is originally from Enfield, Connecticut and presently resides in San Francisco, California with his partner Ken and their dog, Sookie. When not helping clients with their legal needs Jamie spends his time hiking Bay Area trails.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 1999

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit

U.S. District Court Central District of California

U.S. District Court Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court Northern District of California

U.S. District Court Southern District of California

### EDUCATION

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, J.D., 1998

Boston College School of Management, B.S., 1993  
*summa cum laude*

### AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Bar Association of San Francisco

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