



PETER R. SCHAUS

Southern California

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Litigation Adjusters, Inc. San Clemente, CA 6/08 – Present
Senior Adjuster
Attend mediations, settlement conference's and monitor trials.

Great American Insurance Company, Tustin, CA 4/04 – 1/2007
Senior Claims Supervisor
Investigated and settled complex construction defect claims on behalf of architects and engineers involving professional liability issues. Responsible for determining coverage applicability. Authority to policy limits.

American International Group, Los Angeles/South Coast Metro, CA 8/97 – 4/2004
Casualty Claims Specialist
Analyze complex claims for coverage and liability. Emphasis on Commercial General Policies specializing in Product and Completed Operations.
Assist management in developing programs/goals utilized by subordinate claims staff.

Insurance Consultant 1995 – 1997
Consultant to the insurance industry with an emphasis on claims.
Assist senior staff with complex investigations. Negotiate Settlements on high profile cases.
Implement Litigation Management Programs. Organize and present Loss Prevention Seminars.

Design Professionals Insurance Company, Newport Beach, CA 1980 – 1995
Regional Claims Manager
Directed the Pacific Southwest claims operation, specializing in E&O claims with a staff of ten and \$1,000,000 settlement authority. Introduced mediation as an ADR technique that reduced legal expenses 17% and cut 18 months from the life of litigated files. Implemented effective loss and expense control programs and procedures reducing expenditures 12%. Negotiated and scripted special claims service agreements assuring renewal of qualifying major accounts. Personally supervised highest exposure claims. Led agency force by organizing and presenting promotional, marketing, and educational programs resulting in increased sales.



Royal Insurance, Tustin, CA

1978 – 1980

Assistant Manager/Claims & Loss Supervisor

Supervised 15-person office handling a variety of P&C lines. Extensive experience with major product liability cases, including General Motors. Selected to attend Workers Compensation Appeals Board hearings and Pre-Trial Settlement Conferences.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Degree, Economics, University of Wisconsin