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## PILLSBURY & LEVINSON, LLP

**F**or 30 years, Pillsbury & Levinson, LLP has been devoted to the representation of policyholders in claims against insurance companies, specializing in insurance coverage disputes and insurance bad faith litigation.

**RECENT SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS** The firm is known for its ability to secure significant bad faith and punitive damage verdicts. Recently, Pillsbury & Levinson, LLP filed amicus briefs before the California Supreme Court in *Johnson v. Ford Motor Company* and *Simon v. San Paolo U.S. Holding Company, Inc.*, clarifying that there is no single-digit ratio test for punitive damages under *State Farm v. Campbell*. "These cases blow the doors off the idea that punitive damages must be confined to a small multiplier of compensatory damages," founding partner Arnold R. Levinson says of the impact.

The firm's commercial insurance and bad faith practice pressed claims against maritime insurers during the past year. Philip Pillsbury and Richard Shively won the closely watched *Matson Navigation Company v. Fireman's Fund* case, where the trial court rejected the so-called

"maritime compromise" and held that the "all sums" rule applied in maritime cases.

**THE FIRM'S TEAM HAD EXPERIENCE THAT SURPASSED ALL OTHERS I INTERVIEWED. I WON ALL THE WAY AROUND. — BARBARA BYLENGA**

**THREE NAMED TO SUPER LAWYERS®** Both Mr. Levinson and Mr. Pillsbury have practiced insurance coverage and bad faith for more than 30 years. In 1995, Mr. Levinson served as president of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and is a recent past chairman of the Insurance Bad Faith Section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. For the past 20 years, Mr. Levinson has been the regular contributing editor on insurance and bad faith matters for the California Continuing Education of the Bar's *Civil Litigation Reporter*.

Mr. Pillsbury has an extensive commercial insurance practice; he was trial counsel

in *Vann v. Travelers*, which resulted in a verdict of \$26.5 million, one of the largest punitive damage verdicts in the country to be affirmed on appeal.

Terrence J. Coleman is a Director of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, has served as Chair of the Insurance Section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and has been awarded the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Levinson and Mr. Coleman were trial counsel in *Chapman v. UnumProvident*, which resulted in a \$32 million verdict, the largest disability insurance verdict ever awarded in California.

To date, the firm has secured more than \$600 million in verdicts and settlements on behalf of its clients.

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