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Professional Experience

James Schraf is a member at Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin, LLC with over 29 years of legal expertise. Mr. Schraf serves as attorney to insurance carriers and agents as well as business and individual clients with litigation and general legal needs.

Mr. Schraf provides clients with experienced counsel in professional liability litigation related to insurance agents and brokers, insurance coverage issues and representation of insureds of insurance carriers in general liability litigation. He is highly skilled in general litigation for business and individual clients, bankruptcy and insolvency law with a focus on asset collection and representation of Chapter 7 and 11 trustees.

An experienced litigation attorney with expertise in general and insurance litigation, Mr. Schraf has prosecuted and defended lawsuits in state and federal trial courts in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. He has also argued before the appellate courts at the state and federal level. Many of the appellate cases argued are the subject of published opinions.

Mr. Schraf provides his clients with valuable expertise gained from successfully assisting clients in negotiation, formal dispute resolution, and in mediation that has the possibility of resolving some disputes without the need for litigation. Mr. Schraf counsels clients to prudently, cost effectively and responsibly evaluate the issues and strengths of their cases, including whether to negotiate, to settle efficiently and cost effectively, to litigate, or to vigorously defend. Mr. Schraf can provide you with experienced legal representation to prosecute simple and complex cases in the state and federal courts of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland, 1985
District of Columbia, 1987
U.S. District Court District of Maryland
U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit

EDUCATION

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, District of Columbia
J.D. - 1985

Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland
B.S. *summa cum laude* - 1982
Major: Accounting

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Address v. Millstone, 208 Md. App. 62 (2012)
Saylab v. Don Juan Restaurant, Inc., 332 F. Supp. 2d 134 (D.D.C. 2004)
Cooper v. Berkshire Life Insurance Company, 148 Md. App. 41 (2002)

FCE Benefit Administrators, Inc. v. George Washington University, 209 F. Supp. 2d 232 (D.D.C. 2002)

Swinson v. Lords Landing Village condominium, 360 Md. 462 (2000)

Gonzalez v. Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, 628 A.2d 101 (D.C. 1993)

Green v. Resolution Trust Corp., 794 F. Supp. 409 (D.D.C. 1992)

Tart v. American National Fire Insurance Company, 576 A.2d 1353 (D.C. 1990)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Maryland State Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar Association

Anne Arundel County Bar Association, 2010 - Present

PAST EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

Lipshultz & Hone, Chartered, Partner, 1993 - 2004

Lipshultz & Hone, Chartered, Associate, 1985 - 1993