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#### **About Vince**

Vince Morgan has helped clients obtain billions of dollars in insurance proceeds and other recoveries. He represents corporate policyholders in <u>complex insurance coverage matters</u> related to all types of policies, including commercial property and business interruption, reps and warranties, CGL, cyber, professional and fiduciary liabilities, D&O, E&O, environmental, trade credit and intellectual property. Many of these have involved some of the most pressing issues of recent times, ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Deepwater Horizon disaster, virtually every hurricane and other major weather disaster in the last 20 years, major wildfires, the Japanese earthquake and tsunami and the opioid crisis. Aside from representing corporate clients, Vince has also obtained millions of dollars on behalf of probono clients.

Currently, Vince is representing clients across a multitude of industries including hospitality, professional sports, retail, <u>healthcare</u>, <u>real estate</u>, and <u>energy</u> on COVID-19 losses. He is also representing several private equity funds on claims under reps and warranty policies. Additionally, Vince is handling other coverage matters such as property damage and business interruption claims from recent hurricanes and other catastrophes as well as the placement of cyber insurance policies.

He is an author of the only legal treatise specifically focused on insurance coverage for catastrophe losses, having written the chapters on the Claim Process and Business Interruption, and he is currently writing a new chapter for that treatise on COVID\(\mathbb{Q}\)19 losses. Vince is perennially listed in major peer\(\mathbb{D}\)ased rankings and market commentators have praised him as "a fantastic tactical lawyer." Vince has handled matters all across the US involving events spanning the globe and has served as an expert witness on insurance law in cases in the US and Europe. From time to time, he also serves as a mediator and arbitrator in coverage disputes.

Vince is also the host of <u>Covered</u>, a podcast for corporate policyholders on issues in insurance law and how companies can manage risk.

#### **Recent Notable Matters**

*International security company* — helping one of the pre-TSA airport security companies seek coverage for billions of dollars in liability claims from the 9/11 terrorist attacks\*

**Healthcare, energy, retail, hospitality, manufacturing, communications, education and professional sports organizations** — helping insureds across a host of industries recover billions of dollars in insurance proceeds and governmental assistance from virtually every US and Carribean weather disaster in the past 20 years, such as Tropical Storm Allison, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ike, Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Harvey\*

*International energy company* — represented one of the three owners of the Macondo well concerning insurance claims covering billions of dollars in liabilities arising from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill involving the *Deepwater Horizon*\*

*International utility contractors* — represented utility contractors facing enormous liabilities in wildfire cases in Texas and California resulting in multiple nine⊠figure recoveries\*

**Leading shale exploration and production company** — represented oil producer facing claims from the Lac-Mégantic rail disaster in Canada\*

*International shipping and staffing companies* — represented international shippers and professional staffing companies concerning coverage for piracy and terrorist incidents in Asia and Africa\*

**Owners and contractors** — aided several owners and contractors on catastrophic construction defect claims, resulting in multiple eight- and nine-figure recoveries\*

# **Publications and Speeches**

"Looking to 2024 - D&O and Cyber Risks for Public Companies," McGriff Lunch & Learn Series, November 2023

"Owner Controlled Insurance Policies," 17th Annual Advanced Insurance Law Course, June 2020 (webcast)

"COVID**2**19: Can Insurance Inoculate Against Damage from the Virus?," April 2020, State Bar of Texas (webcast)

"Insurance Claims: Best Practices for In⊠House Counsel," Houston Bar Association Corporate Counsel Section, February 2020

"Oil & Gas Industry Cyber Table Top Breach," 74th PLIMC, Scottsdale, Arizona, November 2018

"Policyholder Legal Update," 74th PLIMC, Scottsdale, Arizona, November 2018

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<sup>\*</sup> Work completed prior to Bracewell

"Stowers' and the Art of Turning the Table on an Insurer With a Policy Limit Settlement Demand," ACC 5th Annual Law School Symposium, Washington, DC, October 2018

"The Storm After the Storm — Preparing for and Handling Hurricane and Other Property Claims," 73rd PLIMC, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 2017

"The Right to Independent Counsel: When Does The Insured Have It and When Is It Worth Fighting Over?," American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Seminar, Tucson, Arizona, March 2016

"Attorney's Eye-View: How Coverage Counsel Evaluates Issues Raised by Insurance Policy Provisions," RIMS Houston Chapter, July 2016

"Insurance Primer for In-House Counsel," CLE Marathon, Texas (2015)

"Damn Fools – Looking Back at Stowers After 85 Years" Journal of Texas Insurance Law, Winter 2014 (co-authored with Michael Sean Quinn)

"CAT Claims: Insurance Coverage for Natural and Man@Made Disasters," West Publishing

### **Education**

The University of Texas School of Law, J.D. 2000 – with honors

The University of Texas at Dallas, B.A. in Economics and Finance 1995 – *summa cum laude* 

## **Certifications**

Board Certified, Insurance Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

## **Noteworthy**

Chambers USA, Texas Insurance, 2006 – 2023

The Legal 500 United States, Insurance: Advice to Policyholders, 2018

BL Rankings, *Best Lawyers*, Insurance Law, 2007 – 2024; Litigation - Insurance, 2022 - 2024; Houston Insurance Lawyer of the Year, 2014, 2017

Lawdragon Inc., Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, Insurance Recovery, 2024

Law Business Research Ltd., Who's Who Legal, Insurance & Reinsurance, 2006 - 2020, 2024

Euromoney/Legal Media Group, Guide to the World's Leading Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers, 2009 – 2020

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*National Law Journal*, Team member for 2015 "Top 100 Verdicts of the Year" matter, a \$72 million verdict on behalf of policyholder for business interruption loss to an oil refinery.

## **Affiliations**

Past Chair, Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

Fellow, American College of Coverage Counsel

Law360 Insurance Authority, General Liability Editorial Advisory Board, 2022

## **Bar Admissions**

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