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EDUCATION

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas;
J.D., May 2005
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas;
B.A., in Psychology, May 2002

CERTIFICATIONS

- Member of the State Bar of California,
November 2005

WCAB COVERAGE LOCATIONS

- Anaheim
- Long Beach
- Marina Del Rey
- Pomona
- Riverside
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- Santa Ana

EXPERIENCE:

GALE, SUTOW & ASSOCIATES – ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE

Cypress, California

Partner, February 2017 - Present

Mr. Trutanich has over 10 years experience litigating and defending Workers' Compensation claims in California. He currently represents employers, self-insureds, government & public entities, insurance companies, Third-Party Administrators, and uninsured employers in all aspects of workers' compensation defense including lien negotiations, Labor Code Section 132A cases, and Serious & Willful misconduct cases. His experience includes filing responsive pleadings, Petitions to Quash Subpoenas, taking applicant and witness depositions, defending employer witnesses at deposition, conducting cross-examinations of PQME's, AME's, treating physicians, vocational rehabilitation experts, and successful lien resolution. Mr. Trutanich's trial experience includes AOE/COE trials, trials of case-in-chief, and post-trial motion practice.

Prior to exclusively practicing Workers' Compensation Law, Mr. Trutanich began his career with the Los Angeles City Attorney Office where he assisted with the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program prosecuting various crimes in target neighborhoods. Shortly after, Mr. Trutanich joined the Office of the District Attorney of Los Angeles as a County Deputy District Attorney where he prosecuted criminal cases ranging from DUI to Murder. For 3 years, Mr. Trutanich was assigned to the Specialized Prosecutions VIP unit that prosecuted solely family related crimes, sex crimes, child molestation, and domestic violence related felonies. During his tenure, Mr. Trutanich managed persistently uncooperative and recanting victims and witnesses to violent crimes.

COMMUNITY:

- Member of Project LEAD community outreach program that educates grade school children on the law through teaching and activities.
- Member of self-help legal clinic for family law in Las Vegas, Nevada.

PRESENTATIONS:

- *Discovery – Best Practices* – Cypress, CA – Dec. 2021
- *Med-Legal Strategies* – Cypress, CA – June 2021
- *The Going and Coming Rule* – Long Beach, CA – Oct. 2020