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Jerry Colleen rejoined the firm in 2012 after 13 years in-house with Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri. During his tenure there, Jerry handled all types of litigation and crisis management and acquired specialized expertise in beer packaging, shipping, trucking, transportation issues, and product liability, as well as overseeing high-risk workers compensation claims. Working in-house allowed Jerry to develop a unique understanding of the specific challenges facing corporate or institutional clients that still informs his practice and business relationships today. Jerry currently heads the firm's workers' compensation group, where his combination of knowledge from the employer's side of these claims along with his extensive trial experience gives him unique expertise in handling both workers' compensation defense and workers' compensation bad faith claims.

Jerry initially developed his valuable trial skills during his first three years of practice as a Maricopa County prosecutor. He then spent his initial 10 years with the firm working in all types of insurance-related litigation, before joining Anheuser-Busch's in-house team. As part of his experience in these various areas of law, Jerry has had the opportunity to try dozens of cases and represent clients in hundreds of administrative hearings during the course of his career.

While Jerry has experience in product liability, trucking, indemnity, premises liability, workers compensation, liquor law, risk management and commercial litigation over the course of his 30+ year career, he now focuses his practice primarily on workers' compensation defense.

- McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento, California, 1985 J.D.;
- University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 1982 B.A. Major: History and Political Science

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Arizona, 1986
- Missouri, 1996
- U.S. District Court District of Arizona, 1989

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of Corporate Counsel

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

- AV Preeminent Rating Martindale Hubble, 2005-Present