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# NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

BY CHAD D. OLSEN, ESQ.

Like it or not, many cases involve insurance coverage issues. Focusing only on the substantive law of your case (whether that concerns business, real estate, employment, intellectual property, etc.), but failing to address insurance matters, could be a big mistake. See *Jordache Enterprises, Inc. v Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison*, 18 Cal. 4th 739 (1998) (in which a major law firm was sued by its client after failing to investigate whether there was insurance coverage in a high-stakes intellectual property lawsuit).

It is always in the client's best interest to:

1. Analyze every available insurance policy for potential coverage,
2. Take the necessary steps to trigger coverage, and
3. Gather evidence to establish coverage.

It may even be prudent for your client to retain separate insurance-coverage counsel.

This month's articles and Back Story highlight recent developments in Nevada insurance law (including some yet-to-be-decided issues), potential life insurance traps related to estate and business planning, and changes to pre-litigation insurance disclosures. In addition to the insurance-themed features, this month's readers are also treated to a special update on the Nevada Court of Appeals, as it takes its oral arguments on the road for the first time ever.

Happy holidays from the *Nevada Lawyer* staff and Editorial Board. We hope you enjoy the December issue! **NL**

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