

Barger & Wolen Updates the Book of Insurance Law

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Few firms can claim that they've written the book of law on a specific legal topic, such as California insurance law. <u>Barger & Wolen</u>, however, is proud to announce that we are in the process of updating, revising, and writing new chapters for the <u>Matthew Bender California Insurance Law & Practice</u> book published by <u>LexisNexis</u>.

Recently released revisions of California Insurance Law & Practice include:

Chapter 1: Overview of California Insurance Law, revised by <u>Steven H. Weinstein</u> and <u>Marina M. Karvelas</u>. Discusses the nature of insurance, including the elements of the insurance contract, the "Assumption of Risk of Loss" and the "Principal Object and Purpose" tests and examples of what qualified and doesn't qualify as insurance, including the current issue of whether credit default swaps qualify as insurance.

Chapter 6A: Property-Casualty Insurance Ratemaking and Rate Regulation, revised by Steven H. Weinstein and Richard G. De La Mora. Addresses the basic actuarial concepts underlying the property-casualty insurance rate making process.

Chapter 42: Workers' Compensation Insurance, revised by <u>Steven H. Weinstein</u>, <u>James C. Castle</u> and <u>Peter Sindhuphak</u>. Provides an overview of the governing law of workers' compensation insurance in California.

Chapter 60: Licensing of Agents and Brokers, revised by Christophe H. Burusco and Dennis C. Quinn. Discusses numerous types of agents and brokers, license applications, license examinations, certificates of convenience, license issuance, procedural rules applicable to licenses, application fees, and the termination of licenses.

Upcoming chapters for 2010 include a new submission on Subrogation, along with revisions and updates on The California Insurance Holding Company Act, Reinsurance, Claims Processing and Investigation and Marine Insurance.

Future updates (through 2011) will include:

- The Regulation of Insurer Investments
- The Insurance Contract
- Issuance of Insurance policies
- Nature and Types of Life Insurance
- The Life Insurance Contract
- Nature and Types of Disability Insurance



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- Group Life and Disability Insurance
- Operating Requirements of Agents and Brokers
- Surplus Line Brokers
- Disciplinary Actions Against Agents and Brokers
- Insurance Considerations in Business Planning