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Howard litigated throughout the United States, in both state and federal courts. Aside from his substantial trial practice, he was a proponent of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and emphasizes pre-claim attention to such matters as liability insurance review, review of form contract language, and implementation or review of client document retention policies.

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