

*Angus Edwards has more than 35 years of expertise in providing advice for insurance coverage and litigating insurance disputes. In addition, he represents companies sued for allegedly causing injuries or property damage, including products liability and premises liability claims. He also defends employers sued for claims of wrongful discharge and discrimination.*



## Angus Edwards

Shareholder | Salt Lake City

### Biography

Angus litigates insurance coverage, wrongful death, premises liability, products liability, and personal injuries. He advises insurance carriers and policyholders in underwriting and coverage disputes. Angus has defended employers in employment jury trials. He has acted as lead trial counsel in the defense of numerous state and federal jury trials in Utah, including jury trials in nine different counties in the State of Utah.

### Experience

#### **Defended National Disaster-Restoration Franchisee**

Defended a national disaster-restoration franchisee in a jury trial. Plaintiffs hired the franchisee to remediate water damage in their basement. The plaintiffs' home sustained severe damage in a fire. Plaintiffs made products-liability claims against the manufacturer and distributor of a fan they alleged had caused the fire. Plaintiffs had purchased the fan and it was used for the first time on the day of the fire. The plaintiffs sued the franchisee for placement of their fan, along with many other fans owned by franchisee. The jury found that the fan had a defect that made it unreasonably dangerous and that the manufacturer and distributor were liable, but not the franchisee.

#### **Represented Client That Operates Tour-Boat Business**

Represented a client that operates a tour-boat business. One of the client's boats collided with another boat and multiple passengers in the boats suffered injuries. The client's insurance carrier denied coverage for these claims on the ground that the client had failed to notify the carrier that it

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### Capabilities

Insurance Litigation

Defective Products

Business & Commercial Litigation

Employment & Labor

### Licensed/Admitted

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had hired the employee who was operating the boat at the time of the accident. The carrier refused to pay for counsel to represent the client in response to the claims by the injured passengers. In addition, the carrier filed a lawsuit against the client seeking a declaration that it had no duty to defend the client from the claims by the injured passengers. As a result of defense of the client in the insurance-coverage litigation, the insurance carrier changed its decision and agreed to settle the claims by the injured passengers.

### **Defended Substance-Abuse Counselor in Lawsuit**

Defended a substance-abuse counselor in a lawsuit filed by the driver of a vehicle who was in a collision with the counselor's vehicle and a third vehicle. The counselor was not injured, but he filed a counterclaim against the plaintiff for damage to his vehicle. At trial, the jury found that the counselor had not caused the three-car accident, that the driver who claimed personal injuries had caused the accident, and the jury awarded damages to the counselor for the damage to his vehicle.

## **Accomplishments**

### **Professional**

Lexis/Nexis, Martindale Hubbell, AV Rating

Best Lawyers in America, since 2014

Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year – Litigation – Insurance 2020

### **Academic**

University of Utah, J.D., 1985

University of Utah, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1981

## **Associations**

### **Professional**

Member, Utah State Bar

Member, Salt Lake County Bar

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