

## Attorney Bio

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Eric's areas of specialty include construction litigation, tort defense, mold litigation and product liability defense. While at McGeorge School of Law, Eric actively participated in the trial advocacy and moot court programs. In addition, he also served as a hearing officer for the California Housing Finance Agency, a position in which he conducted tenant eviction hearings throughout Northern California. Eric is fluent in Spanish.

## Education

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University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (J.D., 1997)

Brigham Young University (B.A., 1993)

## Licensed to Practice in:

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California, Idaho

## Practice Areas

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### **Construction**

- Defense of developers and general contractors in complex multiparty litigation involving commercial and residential properties.
- Cases range from single family home disputes to actions involving hundreds of properties.
- Representation of Fortune 500 companies and several of California's largest publicly-held and privately-held builders.
- Defense of claims related to Homeowners Associations and claims involving California Civil Code section 910, et. al (SB800) and Nevada Chapter 40, including the prosecution and defense of claims for indemnification and breach of contract.
- Defense of property owners, developers, and contractors against claims arising from accidents on commercial and residential construction sites.
- Defense of developers against homeowner claims of fraud and negligent misrepresentation, as well as subrogation claims by insurers.

### **Complex Tort and Casualty**

- Defense of businesses and individuals in a wide variety of claims regarding negligent and intentional acts, including automobile accidents, assault and

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### **Partner**



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battery, sexual assault, and construction site accidents resulting in catastrophic injuries and death.

- Defense of business establishments against injury claims involving third parties.

### ***Environmental***

- Defense of manufacturers and distributors of allegedly hazardous materials in actions involving claims of personal injury or wrongful death due to exposure to various toxic chemicals.
- Defense of contractors, landlords and property owners in actions involving claims of personal injury due to mold exposure.

### ***Mass Torts and Class-Action Defense***

- Defense of class actions claims including claimed violations of California Business & Professions Code § 17200.

### ***Mold and Water Damage***

- Representation of owners, landlords and managers in defending claims of water intrusion and mold exposure.

### ***Product Liability***

- Representation of manufacturers and retailers against claims of injuries and wrongful death allegedly due to defects in the manufacture and design of products.

### ***Public Entity Defense***

- Representation of public entities regarding construction claims and disputes. • Representation of public entities in all aspects of litigation personal injury and wrongful death actions.

### ***Toxic Tort and Occupational Exposure***

- Representation of businesses and manufacturers in actions involving acute and chronic exposure to benzene and asbestos.
- Extensive experience defending mold actions and advising clients on non-litigated matters, including abatement issues.

### ***Transportation***

- Representation of large transportation companies in high exposure personal injury actions involving semi-trucks and taxis.

## **Awards & Accomplishments**

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- AV Preeminent Lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell