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Practice Areas:

Construction Defect Litigation;

Property and Casualty Insurance Law;

Insurance Defense Litigation;
Civil Trial and Appellate Practice;

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Education:

Loyola Law School (J.D., *cum laude*), Los Angeles, CA, 1981

Honors:

St. Thomas More Honor Society
Loyola Law Review (1980-1981)

University of California at Los Angeles, Graduate School of Education (Teaching Credential), Los Angeles, CA, 1973

University of California at Los Angeles (B.A., English), Los Angeles, CA, 1972

Michael B. Geibel is a partner and chairman of the firm's insurance defense department. In 2015 Mr. Geibel was named by *Southern California Super Lawyers* as a top attorney in California for the seventh year by Los Angeles Magazine through the independent research of Law & Politics. From the group of candidates, only 5% of Southern California attorneys are selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Geibel's practice focuses on civil litigation and appeals in all state and federal courts within California as well as arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association and other tribunals. Representative insurance clients of the firm include Clarendon, QBE Insurance, and Blue Cross of Southern California. Mr. Geibel is lead trial counsel on insurance defense cases within the firm, and, in addition to defense of common personal injury and property damage claims, has particularized experience in slope failure and subsidence litigation, "toxic" mold claims and remediation, construction defect or accident litigation, home sale misrepresentation claims, defense of malicious prosecution cases, catastrophic injury and wrongful death actions, drug manufacturing and pharmacy claims, and products liability cases.

Mr. Geibel is a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, has been an active trial lawyer for over 20 years, and he has also served in the capacity of expert witness and mediator. His concentration extends to insurance coverage issues under both liability and property policies, including issues relating to duty to defend, *Cumis* triggering coverage reservations, uninsured and under-insured motorist claims, and first party property loss claims.



Professional Memberships and Associations:

State Bar of California

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

Bar Admissions:

California Bar No. 100770, 1981

Publications:

Michael B. Geibel, California Construction Law – 2007 Edition, Chapter 16 –
The Architect/Engineer (HLK Global Communications, Inc. 2007).

Michael B. Geibel, Absolute Immunity for Attorney Communications Under California Civil
Code Section 42(a), 14 University of West Los Angeles Law Review 35, 1982.

Speaking Engagements:

Speaker, *Proving Landslide Claims*, Law Seminars International (July 2016)

Speaker, *Contractor' Commercial General Liability Coverage Dispute Trends*, GGLTS 16th
Annual Review Preview Construction Law Seminar (2010)

Panel Speaker, *Recent Developments in Insurance Law and Bad Faith*, Association of Southern
California Defense Counsel Annual Seminar (1994)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Honors and Awards:

American Jurisprudence Award, Debtor-Creditor Relations II

Chosen by Los Angeles Magazine for inclusion in *Southern California Super Lawyers* (2007-
2012, 2014).

Mr. Geibel is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell