



# Michael B. Geibel

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## Professional Experience

Michael B. Geibel is a partner and chairman of the firm's insurance defense department. Mr. Geibel has been named by Southern California Super Lawyers as a top attorney in California by Los Angeles Magazine.

His 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. 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 cases, subsidence litigation, wildfire cases, toxic mold claims and remediation, construction defects, 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.

## Practice Areas

- Civil Litigation
- Insurance Law & Risk Management

## 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

## Bar Admissions

- California Bar No. 100770, 1981

## Professional Memberships

- State Bar of California
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel

## 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)

## Publications

- Michael B. Geibel, Chapter 8, "Liability In the Construction Industry," California Construction Law,

18th Ed. Supplement (Wolters Kluwer Law and Business 2019).

- Michael B. Geibel, Chapter 16, California Construction Law, (2007 Edition)
- 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.

## **Honors & Awards**

- American Jurisprudence Award, Debtor-Creditor Relations II
- Chosen by Los Angeles Magazine for inclusion in *Southern California Super Lawyers* (2007-2012, 2014)
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® (highest rating)