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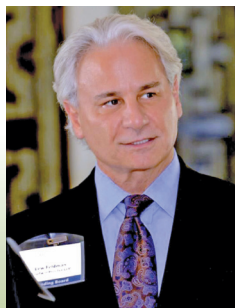


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Mr. Andrade has specialized in the construction industry for over 30 years. He has extensive experience in all aspects of the California Judicial System, the Federal System and the American Arbitration Association, having actually tried over 300 trials in these various forums. Mr. Andrade served on the Board of Directors for the Engineering Contractors Association for 28 years, is an affiliate member of the Southern California Contractors Association and the Associated General Contractors of California. Mr. Andrade was also counsel to the Engineering Contractors Association for 28 years, is a member of the Associated General Contractors Statewide Legal Advisory Committee to the Construction Industry, as well as a member of the Southern California Constructors Legal Advisory Committee.

Mr. Andrade holds a California State Contractors License, and was actively involved in the construction industry as an owner of a company for over 10 years.

Mr. Andrade's goal, in representing clients, is to achieve the optimum cost-benefit result possible within the context of the facts, law and good legal representation. He attempts to solve problems, not create them, to achieve ends rather than frustrate them, and to do so in an aggressive yet ethical manner.



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Mike is active in blogs and podcasting and believes that the American public's demand for information that fits into their lives should be the driving force for lawyer social media communications. Of the dozens of client reviews about Mike his favorite is that written by a West Point graduate: "If I need a lawyer that knows how to storm the hill and win almost any battle – it is Mike Hackard." Hackard Law is currently litigating in most of California's large urban counties.

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