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## MICHAEL J. HASSEN

Michael Hassen's clients refer to him as a "pit bull," and describe him as the outside counsel they hire when they can't afford to lose. Clients and opposing counsel alike recognize his creativity in litigation – whether in developing trial strategies or in devising settlement solutions to complex business disputes.

Michael Hassen is admitted to practice law in California, New York and the District of Columbia, as well as before numerous appellate courts including the U.S. Supreme Court, and is a recognized expert in class actions. He was one of a handful of American lawyers invited to speak at an international class action conference in Belgium a few years ago, and the only defense attorney in the group. Thereafter he was the only American lawyer invited to speak at an international class action conference in Italy. He remains in touch with lawyers and politicians across Europe who heard him speak and continue to seek his opinion on class action issues. His *Class Action Defense Blog* contains thousands of searchable pages and is routinely read by many in the legal community.

Mr. Hassen's litigation practice spans more than 30 years and emphasizes class actions. He has considerable experience in antitrust, securities, cybersecurity/data privacy, and false advertising/consumer protection cases. He also has significant experience in prosecuting and defending business torts such as misappropriation of trade secrets and raiding of corporate employees.

He has represented lenders in all facets of lender litigation, ranging from unfair business practices class actions based on "predatory" lending, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) violations, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), or Truth in Lending Act (TILA), to claims alleging elder abuse or challenging the validity or priority of liens.

He also has deep experience in representing retailers in class actions under state and federal labor laws, privacy laws, consumer protection laws, false advertising and unfair competition laws, and antitrust, as well as under the American's With



Disabilities Act (ADA) and Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

Michael Hassen also is experienced in appellate matters, having prepared more than 100 appellate briefs, including briefs filed with the U.S. Supreme Court. His expertise in handling appeals arises from his experience serving as a law clerk at the California Supreme Court and the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. He has argued before the California Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit, in addition to various districts of the California Courts of Appeal.

Mr. Hassen has testified as an expert witness on numerous occasions, and continues to give seminars on ethics and class action litigation.

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When litigating or managing disputes in California, knowing the insurance coverage situation for your case is critical. For more than 24 years, Peter Schulz has represented clients and consulted with their legal counsel on insurance coverage issues involving claims presented in the state of California. He has served as coverage counsel, *Cumis* counsel, and has testified as an expert witness on issues relating to insurance and coverage. He has litigated bad faith and coverage cases involving multi-million-dollar claims and maintains an excellent reputation with both the State and Federal Bench and Bar. Over his career, he has represented both insureds and carriers – he knows how both sides think.

Insurance drives litigation, as the carriers often control the defense and control the settlement. Knowing what the carriers need to take care of their insureds is key.

Peter Schulz has worked with clients from around the country on their West Coast cases. He and his firm have litigated cases in every major county in the State of California. He is “AV” rated by the Martindale-Hubbell law-rating organization and has received that organization’s Platinum Client Champion award.

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## DANIEL KIM

**M**anaging partner and founder of The Law Offices of Daniel Kim, Mr. Kim exclusively represents people who have been injured due to the negligence of others dealing with motor vehicle accidents. He believes that standing up to large insurance companies is mandatory to ensure his clients receive full compensation for all their harms and losses.

Daniel Kim's journey to becoming Orange County's top car accident attorney started when he was a child. Daniel's family raised him with a passion for helping others. That passion drove him to become a lawyer, and it has never faded. His law career has taken him around the world and back. As a paralegal in the US Army JAG Corps, Daniel served in South Korea and Baghdad, Iraq where he was involved in numerous general courts martial prosecution cases. Thanks to his hard work and resiliency, Daniel was recognized as the top enlisted JAG member in the Asia Pacific region.

After serving in the Armed Forces, Daniel spent several years under the tutelage of several high-profile personal injury law firms honing his skills before hanging up his own shingle and taking Orange County by storm.

Daniel Kim has been recognized by his legal peers and the community as one of the top personal injury attorneys. He has been honored with accolades in 2018 to include: (1) The Top 40 Trial Lawyer Under 40 in CA by The National Trial Lawyers; (2) Lifetime Member of the Million and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum; (3) AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale Hubbell; (4) Platinum Client Champion Award by Martindale Hubbell; (5) Nation's Top One Percent by the National Distinguished Counsel; (6) Perfect 10.0 Superb Rating by Avvo; (7) Clients' Choice Award by Avvo; (8) Lifetime Member of Best Attorneys of America; (9) Top 10 Personal Injury Attorney by the American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys; (10) A+ Rating by the Better Business Bureau; (11) Selected Member of Lawyers of Distinction; (12) Top 3 Best Personal Injury Lawyer by Three Best Rated; (13)



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## RICHARD B. ANDRADE

**M**r. Andrade's practice focuses primarily on construction litigation (public and private), including "changed conditions", change order and differing site condition claims, Mechanic's Lien and Stop Notice Litigation, management side labor law including the defense of wage and hour claims/litigation, prevailing wage claims/litigation and trust fund litigation and General Business Litigation. He counsels and represents project owners, general contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers.

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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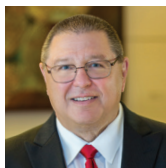


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**R**on Fein, an accomplished securities, real estate finance and transactional lawyer with over 48 years of experience, provides business and legal counsel to entrepreneurs, as well as established businesses, throughout the U.S. and internationally. Ron advises with respect to high-tech start-ups, business combinations, corporate and real estate financings and securities matters in a broad public and private company practice and also uses that experience to analyze circumstances attendant to the troubled company environment.

Prior to founding RL Fein, Inc., for nearly two decades, Ron practiced at Stutman, Treister & Glatt, where he was a senior shareholder. He began his career in 1969 as a corporate lawyer with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher until he was appointed as the youngest Chief Deputy Commissioner of the California Department of Corporations by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in 1975. Thereafter, he became the firm-wide Chairman of the Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Finance Section and served as a member of the firm-wide Administrative Committee of Jones Day, one of the world's largest multinational law firms and ultimately migrated to Stutman in 1991.

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## DOUGLAS BORTHWICK ESQ.

**T**enacious, dedicated and committed to getting the best possible result. Mr. Borthwick works strategically to resolve disputes and is not afraid to come up with creative strategies to get his clients what they need.

Attorney Douglas Borthwick blends a background in civil litigation with significant experience in insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, plaintiff personal injury, and family law. Before founding his own firm, his formative years were as an associate attorney at AV rated firms with ABOTA certified trial lawyers.

Mr. Borthwick is currently President and Owner of the Law Offices Douglas Borthwick.

He is admitted to practice before all of the courts in the state of California and the United States Supreme Court. He has licensures on inactive status pending payment of dues and updating continuing education hours in the jurisdictions of Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Ohio, Arkansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, and District of Columbia. He has his main office in Santa Ana and is available to meet at offices in Riverside, Rancho Cucamonga, and Ontario.

Mr. Borthwick has the highest AV preeminent rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, the leading attorney directory.

Mr. Borthwick was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1965. He graduated with high honors (*Magna Cum Laude*) from Muskingum University in 1988 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business, Economics, and Religion. At Muskingum University, he was the recipient of the prestigious Wall Street Journal Award. He received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1991 from Capital University Law School where he was the recipient of an academic scholarship and was on the Dean's List.

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