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As a senior trial attorney with more than 30 years of experience, Ron frequently litigates, arbitrates and mediates complex civil, commercial, general business and contract disputes in state and federal courts throughout California.

**Ron represents:**

- Owners, developers, landlords, property managers and tenants, including restaurateurs, in commercial lease and contract disputes;
- Owners and developers in real estate issues including property and boundary disputes, easements, encroachments and land use disputes;
- ERISA union trust funds in collective bargaining agreement and trust agreement disputes/litigation with construction employers;
- Owners, developers, contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in all aspects of construction disputes including construction defect, breach of contract, delay claims, and contractors' remedies such as mechanics' liens, payment and performance bonds and stop notices;
- Sureties in both public and private construction projects; and
- National and international insurance companies representing insureds under third party policies including fiduciary liability, directors and officers (D&O) and errors and omissions (E&O).

In recognition of his skills in resolving complex litigation cases, Ron was nominated and appointed by the San Francisco Superior Court to serve as a panelist for the Court's Early Settlement Program.

**Practice Areas**

Commercial Litigation  
Real Estate & Land Use  
ERISA & Employee Benefits  
Construction  
Fidelity & Surety  
Insurance Law  
Professional Liability / D&O

**Industries**

Construction  
Insurance



## Real Estate & Development

### Education

University of Dayton, School of Law - J.D., 1984

Bowling Green State University - B.S., 1981

### Bar Admissions

- Ohio, 1984
- California, 1989

### Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

### Professional and Civic Involvement

- American Bar Association (Member, Long Range Planning Committee, 2012-2013; Member, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Scope & Correlation Committee, 2012-2013; Vice Chair, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Business Litigation Committee, 2012-2013; Annual Meeting Arrangements Chair, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, 2013; Council Member, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, 2008-2011; Chair, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, 2005-2006)
- Associated General Contractors of California (Member)
- Bar Association of San Francisco (Member)
- Foster City Chamber of Commerce (Former Member, Board of Directors)
- San Francisco Chamber of Commerce (Member, Public Policy Forum)
- San Francisco Superior Court (Mediation Panelist, Early Settlement Program)
- U.S. Navy Reserve Force (Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, 1985-1988)
- University of California, Davis (Member, Parent and Family Council)

### Awards and Honors



- Recipient of the 2014 Andrew C. Hecker Memorial Award from the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) of the American Bar Association (ABA)
- Selected for inclusion in *Northern California Super Lawyers* (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 & 2010 — Business Litigation)

#### **Publications and Presentations**

- Panelist, "Mediation and Negotiation Strategy," Thomson Reuters Webinar (2016)
- Moderator, "Emerging Issues in Trial Practice Now and in the Next 10 Years," American Bar Association (ABA) Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Annual Meeting (2016)
- Author, "Adverse Possession and Prescriptive Easements – Get off of My Property! Can't You Read the Sign?" *California Land Use Reporter* (2006)
- Program Chair, "A Mighty Wind or Just a Lot of Hot Air? – The Newest Coverage Arguments Being Asserted by Insurers and Policyholders," American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) (2005)
- Author, "Is the Grass Really Greener on the Other Side? A Primer on Property Boundary Disputes for the Land Use Practitioner," *California Land Use Reporter* (2005)
- Program Chair, "Insurance Coverage in the Aftermath of 9-11 and the Growing Accounting Nightmare in Corporate America," American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) (2003)
- Panelist, "A New World for Insurance Coverage Attorneys," American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) (2002)
- Panelist, "How to Grab the Jury in Your Opening Statement through Development of Themes Early on in the Case," American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) (2001)
- Author, "Insurance Coverage for Defective Construction," American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS), *The Brief* (2000)