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Stephen Ellis handles complex real estate and business litigation matters. His practice experience includes a broad range of trial and appellate work in both the state and federal court systems, and experience in alternative dispute resolution venues, including arbitration and mediation.

Steve's primary area of emphasis is real estate litigation, where he handles commercial landlord-tenant, ownership, development, sale, leasing and construction disputes involving all types of commercial, industrial and residential properties. He works for public and private owners as well as developers, contractors and design professionals. He also represents public and private companies, partnerships and business associations in the prosecution and defense of contract, warranty, unfair competition, trade secret, fraud and business tort claims.

Steve served as head of the Firm's Litigation and Trial Section from 2005 through 2008. Locally, he served as co-chair of the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee of the Orange County Bar Association from 2004-2010, and serves as an arbitrator for the Mandatory Arbitration Program administered by the Orange County Superior Court.

Steve is active in church and community affairs, and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos as well as a past member of the Governing Board for the Los Alamitos Medical Center.

Areas of Expertise

- Business Litigation
- Real Estate
- Construction Litigation

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- CEB Panelist, *Civil Procedure During Trial* (1997, 1999)

Related Services

- Litigation and Trial
- Appellate Practice Group
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Corporate Restructuring and Creditors' Rights
- Infrastructure, Public-Private Partnerships (P3)
- Real Property Litigation
- Environmental

Related Industries

- Construction
- Environmental and Natural Resources

Bar & Court Admissions

- State Bar of California

- CEB Panelist, *Proving and Attacking Damages* (2000)
- Presenter, *Five Things You Should Know About Mandatory Fee Arbitration* (OCBA Last Dash 2006)
- Panelist, *MFA Arbitrator Training* (2003-2008)

Awards & Honors

- AV® Preeminent™ rating with LexisNexis/Martindale Hubbell

Memberships & Associations

- Orange County Bar Association

Education

- University of California Los Angeles, School of Law (J.D., 1985)
- California State University, Long Beach (B.A., 1980)