



Stephen Jenkins focuses his practice primarily on complex civil litigation matters including claims involving product liability, property damage, construction defect, automobile accidents, real estate, toxic tort, insurance and mass tort litigation. He defends individuals and businesses in all aspects of both catastrophic injury and wrongful death litigation.

From 2005 to 2019, Stephen worked for two high-profile toxic tort defense firms representing a variety of defendants including boiler manufacturers, printing press manufacturers, drywall suppliers and multiple contractors. As part of his representation, he negotiated settlements for numerous multi-million dollar cases.

Stephen was named one of Super Lawyers' Rising Stars for 2015 - 2018. Rising Stars is an exclusive list of top-rated attorneys in specific practice areas who were chosen after thorough evaluation of numerous criteria.

REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESSES

- *Hasty v. Commercial Equipment Company* – Prevailed on a summary judgment motion for a laborer contractor in a personal injury case in which the plaintiff alleged lung cancer and asbestosis from occupational exposure to asbestos.
- *Portillas v. Individual* – Successfully argued for the plaintiff to walk away with less than a quarter of his initial demand during a lengthy mediation in a personal injury auto accident case while defending an alleged drunk driver.
- *Tomlin v. Fabrics Manufacturer* – Prevailed on a summary judgment motion for a manufacturer defendant in Shasta County in a wrongful death action in which the plaintiffs alleged decedent died of mesothelioma from occupational exposure to asbestos.
- *Del Rio v. Aerospace Company* – Successful summary judgment motion for manufacturer defendant in a personal injury case in Los Angeles in which the plaintiff alleged mesothelioma from occupational exposure to asbestos.
- *Chapman v. Engineering and Construction Company* _____

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

Professional Affiliations

- California Department of Real Estate, Broker

Published Articles

- Author, "Product Liability: California's Consumer Expectation and Risk Benefit Test Applied in the Same Case," *Defense Litigation Insider*, September 15, 2017.

BEYOND THE OFFICE

Stephen graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law; his placement in the top of his class earned him an invitation to join the international legal honor society, Phi Delta Phi. Prior to law school, Mr. Jenkins earned his undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Vanderbilt University. While at Vanderbilt, he was also inducted into various honors organizations.

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Areas of Practice

- Asbestos Litigation
- Toxic Tort Law
- Product Liability
- Environmental Law
- Business, Commercial and Real Estate Law
- Construction Law

Education

- Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D.
- Vanderbilt University, B.A.

Admissions

- California
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Outside the office, Stephen spends his time raising his four children with his wife in the Bay Area. He also maintains a broker's license with the California Department of Real Estate with which he has successfully closed multiple residential transactions.