

Joseph L. Stark

Mr. Stark graduated *Cum Laude* from Southwestern University Law School in 1984. He became a partner in the defense firm of Roper & Folino in 1990. At that time he also became the head of the Appellate, Coverage and Municipal Litigation units of the firm. In 1999, the firm of Joseph L. Stark & Associates was formed.

Mr. Stark has specialized in defense of Civil Litigation for 25 years. Since 1999, he has focused on civil and business litigation, insurance coverage, and transactional business law with an emphasis on employment, real property, and the preservation of confidentiality and trade secrets for a variety of enterprises.

Mr. Stark has been lead trial lawyer in hundreds of arbitrations and trials. He has appeared before virtually every Appellate panel in Southern California as well as the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, authoring briefs which served as the foundation for several published opinions including such landmark cases as *Stonewall v. City of Palos Verdes Estates*, *Bly-Magee v. Premo*, and *Rodriguez v. Klein*. Mr. Stark has served as an Arbitrator and Mediator and has been named as a 2012 **Super Lawyer** by *California Super Lawyer Magazine*.

Mr. Stark is certified to practice before every Federal Court in California the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

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Mr. Bergerson received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Southern California. Mr. Bergerson graduated from Southwestern University Law School in 1986. He joined the firm of Roper & Folino and in 1999 joined the firm of Joseph L. Stark & Associates.

Mr. Bergerson is a member of the American and Los Angeles County Bar Associations as well as the State Bar of California. He is an experienced trial and appellate attorney with extensive experience in construction defect litigation; environmental litigation and personal injury matters as well as complex and simple unlawful detainer cases.

Mr. Bergerson has been on the Los Angeles County Arbitration Panel for many years serving as an arbitrator and mediator. He is certified to practice in the Central District Federal Court and all State Courts.

Mr. Bergerson has been responsible for the management and handling of several extraordinarily complex litigations involving insurance coverage and environmental claims. He has appeared before several Appellate Panels and administrative tribunals throughout the State.

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