

SENIOR COUNSEL

## J. Michael Stusiak

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate  
Business and Commercial  
Litigation  
Environmental Litigation  
and Regulation

### EDUCATION

University of California,  
Davis, School of Law  
J.D., 1989  
  
California State University,  
Fresno  
B.A., Political  
Science/Russian Area  
Studies, 1985

### ADMISSIONS

California

### MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association  
Federal Bar Association  
Sacramento County Bar  
Association, Civil Litigation  
Section

### OVERVIEW

Michael Stusiak's practice focuses on complex commercial and financial services litigation concerning contract and tort claims involving commercial enterprises. In addition to serving Murphy Austin's clients, Michael also serves as general counsel to the firm.

Prior to joining Murphy Austin, Michael practiced for 26 years with the international law firm Morrison Foerster. Michael has represented parties in real property, contract, and consumer rights disputes, as well as land use and environmental matters, and class actions and mass-tort products liability litigation. He has extensive experience litigating commercial contract disputes and disputes concerning distressed commercial and residential real estate and related lender liability claims. Michael has represented parties in the resolution of matters through trial, appellate, and alternative dispute resolution procedures. Michael has also provided organization and risk management counsel and litigation support for nonprofits and other charities. Michael was named in *Sacramento Magazine's* Top Lawyers 2019 list. He graduated from California State University, Fresno with a B.A. in Political Science/Russian Area Studies in 1985 and earned his J.D. from University of California, Davis, School of Law in 1989.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Publications

- "An Overview of Bankruptcy Issues Affecting Partnerships."

### HONORS

- Named in *Sacramento Magazine's* Top Lawyers List, General Litigation (2019)
- Listed as a Super Lawyer in Northern California Super Lawyers (2009)