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PRACTICE AREAS

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., Summa Cum Laude, 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 served as general counsel to the firm from 2016-2025.

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)

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