



Mark Johnson

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With over three decades of construction, environmental, and real estate litigation experience, Mark Johnson brings seasoned leadership to complex legal challenges. He has served as lead counsel in over 30 jury trials, bench trials, and high-stakes arbitrations, handling disputes across construction, environmental compliance, land use, landlord-tenant issues, oil and gas, real estate, and toxic torts.

Mark's construction law practice encompasses representing owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals in private and public works disputes. His extensive experience includes resolving claims involving extra work, changed conditions, delays, loss of productivity, defective workmanship, product liability for construction materials, insurance coverage for construction defect claims and property damage claims, including fire damage claims, and California contractor licensing laws. He has successfully navigated construction disputes in state and federal courts across multiple states and before the federal Civilian Board of Contract Appeals and California's Public Works Contract Arbitration program.

In the environmental realm, Mark has litigated cases involving CERCLA, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, CEQA, RCRA, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the California Coastal Act, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act, Proposition 65, and other environmental regulations. His work includes addressing petroleum products and hazardous substance contamination of soil and groundwater, toxic tort claims arising from exposure to substances including asbestos and benzene, performing due diligence on environmental conditions in corporate and real estate transactions, and insurance coverage for environmental contamination. He also advises on compliance with environmental laws, defending clients in enforcement actions initiated by agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Air Resources Board, and various California water quality boards.

Mark also represents creditors in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases involving environmental damage claims. A respected author and speaker, he regularly shares his insights on legal and regulatory developments impacting the construction industry.

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law, Transactions and Disputes
- Real Estate Law and Transactions
- Environmental and Sustainability
- Bankruptcy

Representative Matters

- Shamsianv. Atlantic Richfield Company (2003) 107 Cal. App. 4th 967; establishing the statute of limitations for claims under Proposition 65.

Education

- Loyola Law School (J.D.)
- University of Southern California (B.S.)
 - Petroleum Engineering

State Bar Admissions

- California
- Texas

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

Recognitions

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