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Education

Southwestern University School of Law,
J.D., 1976
California State University at Northridge
B.S., 1973, *Cum Laude*

Bar Admissions

- California

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Real Estate
- Construction Defect
- Homeowners Associations
- Employment

During his extensive experience as a litigator and trial lawyer in Los Angeles since 1977, Mr. Serpico has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in hundreds of tort and commercial lawsuits. He handles complex and high-stakes litigation matters, including general tort litigation, products liability including industrial machinery, pharmaceuticals, automotive, and hazardous chemicals. Mr. Serpico has a particular interest in legal issues concerning insurance coverage, professional negligence, legal and medical malpractice, premises liability, employment litigation, and other appellate matters. Before joining Kulik Gottesman Siegel & Ware LLP, Mr. Serpico was a partner in the firm of Wilner Klein & Siegel in Beverly Hills.

LITIGATION/HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS/EMPLOYMENT

In addition, Mr. Serpico has obtained numerous seven-figure recoveries from contractors and developers involving construction defect litigation on behalf of property owners (both single and multifamily properties) and also on behalf of community associations. Mr. Serpico has defended individuals, developers, contractors and design professionals in complex multi-party construction litigation, as well as in many other types of disputes relating to real property. His clients include professional service individuals, including attorneys, real estate brokers, and design professionals in defending professional liability lawsuits. As a trial attorney, Mr. Serpico has successfully won numerous trials on behalf of his clients. He also represents employers in the defense of wrongful termination and other employment-related litigation matters.

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

Blackwell v. Phelps Dodge Corp. 157 Cal. App.3d, 372 (1984), a hazardous products liability failure to warn dispute.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of the American Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the Community Associations Institute (CAI).

ARTICLES

"Developers' Demand for Destructive Testing of the Project: Tactics and Strategies for Homeowner Associations," *Focus*, published by the Community Associations Institute (September 1993).