

Steve Hogan

Shareholder at Lurie, Zepeda, Schmalz & Hogan

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Summary

In over thirty years practicing law, I have had extensive experience litigating in both state and federal court. Some of my noteworthy cases include representing two of the grandchildren of the founder of Halliburton, Inc., in a hotly contested trust litigation. I also represented the only children of Bernard Gelson, the founder of Gelson's Supermarkets, in a trust dispute against their stepmother. This trust contest matter involves the classic issues of lack of testamentary capacity, undue influence and coercion. I have also experience in counseling and successfully defending major corporations in several mass tort, multi-jurisdictional cases. To that end, I was the partner-in-charge for McDonnell Douglas Corporation ("MDC") of hundreds of lawsuits filed in many different jurisdictions around the county arising out of the United Airlines DC-10 crash at Sioux City, Iowa on July 19, 1989. Another major matter in which I was involved was representing MDC in the first case ever filed involving a tort in outer space. The case arose out of the failure of the Westar VI satellite to reach geosynchronous orbit. Western Union's insurers sued in subrogation for negligence and strict liability and seeking \$105,000,000 damages. I won the case on summary judgment, which was affirmed on appeal. See *Appalachian Insurance Co., et al. v. McDonnell Douglas Corporation, et al.* (1989) 214 Cal.App.3d 1.

Specialties

I handle a wide variety of litigation matters including trusts and estates litigation, elder abuse litigation, commercial contracts, partnership, shareholder and franchise disputes, securities and fraud cases, business torts, real estate and construction matters (including landlord-tenant), intellectual property and trade secret litigation, aviation, aerospace and product liability litigation, insurance coverage, bad faith and lawyer malpractice defense.

Experience

Shareholder and President at Lurie, Zepeda, Schmalz & Hogan

September 1995 - Present (15 years 4 months)

3 recommendations available upon request

Daughter at Rebecca Hogan

2005 - 2010 (5 years)

Partner at Bryan Cave

1980 - 1995 (15 years)

For the last several years at Bryan Cave, I was one of two partners in charge of the litigation department in Bryan Cave's Southern California offices

Associate at Anderson, McPharlin & Conners

September 1978 - September 1980 (2 years 1 month)

My practice included surety and fidelity bond defense and general business litigation.

Education

University of Southern California Law School

J.D., 1975 - 1978

Activities and Societies: Order of the Coif

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A., History, 1971 - 1975

Activities and Societies: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Honors and Awards

Who's Who in American Law; A-V Rated by Martindale-Hubbell; Southern California Super Lawyers; American Jurisprudence Award for Business Organizations and Advanced Constitutional Law

Interests

Golf, movies, theater

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3 people have recommended Steve

"Steve and his firm have worked on various projects for our firm over the years. I have enjoyed the relationship and would recommend Steve. Steve is most fun on the golf course, though."

— **David Rice**, was Steve's client

"As a forensic accountant, I have worked with literally hundreds of attorneys; Steve Hogan is in the top five. His incredible legal knowledge and expertise, professionalism, tenacity and engaging personality have helped him become one of the outstanding litigators in Southern California."

— **Steve Franklin**, *Managing Director/Shareholder, CBIZ & Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.*, was with another company when working with Steve at Lurie, Zepeda, Schmalz & Hogan

"We have worked with Steve on several matters over the years. He's an outstanding attorney and his firm is outstanding."

— **Mark Demorest**, was Steve's client

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