

# Paul Kissel



Paul Kissel is the managing partner of the San Diego office of Borton Petrini, LLP, and has been with the firm since 1985. He is AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Paul received his undergraduate degree from the University of Miami and continued his education in the field of library science, completing a master's degree in 1974. When Paul decided to pursue legal studies, he attended McGeorge School of Law and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1984.

Prior to entering the practice of law in 1984, he had a varied background, both professionally and in volunteer service, including

working with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Paul has been a part-time construction trades person, university reference librarian/ instructor, restaurant manager, store owner, volunteer firefighter and member of several civic groups.

Paul's diverse background has served him well in litigating a broad range of matters, including business/commercial litigation, employment and labor matters, professional errors and omissions, officer and director liability, construction law, real estate, wrongful death, products liability, hotel/resort, trucking, and insurance law, including special investigation unit litigation. In addition to trying many cases in these areas, he has concluded hundreds of arbitrations, both binding and nonbinding, and has acted as an arbitrator and mediator.

Paul is a member of the State Bar of California, State Bar of Florida (1985), San Diego County Bar Association, San Diego Defense Lawyers, and Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He has lectured on various topics including mold, healthcare, peculiar risk of harm, and loss of consortium. As a writer he has published articles such as "Mold-Hazard or Hype?," published in the Summer 2003 issue of California Defense magazine; "The Odd Status of the Peculiar Risk of Harm Theory," published in the Winter 2003 issue of California Defense magazine; "Defenses for Attorneys' Fees Claims Against Landlords in Cases of Breach of Implied Warranty of Habitability Due to Mold," published in the Summer 2004 issue of California Defense magazine; and "Minors' Compromises," published in the Winter 2004 issue of California Defense magazine.

Paul takes time from his busy professional schedule to participate in his community. He has served on local school governance boards, participated in Tijuana charities, participates in the San Diego Yacht Club, and sings in a choir. He continues to be active in the community, athletics, and with his family.

## Education:

- ▶ University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, B.Ed., 1973
- ▶ Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, MSLS, 1974
- ▶ University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, J.D., 1984

## Admitted:

- ▶ State Bar of California, 1984
- ▶ U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of California
- ▶ State Bar of Florida, 1985

## Business and Professional Associations:

- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶ Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- ▶ State Bar of California
- ▶ San Diego County Bar Association
- ▶ San Diego County Defense Lawyers Association
- ▶ The San Diego Yacht Club

## Lectures, Seminars & Publications:

- ▶ Paul has written various articles regarding mold, peculiar risk, loss of consortium, minor's compromise, wrongful death and employment issues for *California Defense* magazine. He has given lectures and seminars on these and other topics to various professional groups in Southern California and Phoenix, Arizona.

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