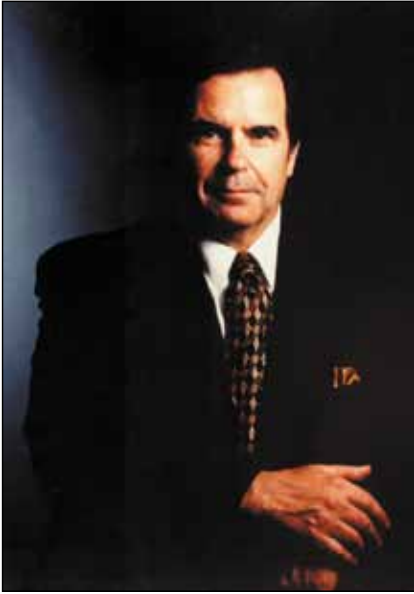


# George F. Martin



George F. Martin is “Of Counsel” to the statewide law firm of Borton Petrini, LLP, where he served as Firm Managing Partner for more than a quarter century. George is AV® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is a business litigator, land use and real estate attorney. He is the recipient of the Kern County Bar Association’s 1996 Bench & Bar Award. He obtained his B.A. degree from California State University, Sacramento, and his J.D. from the University of California, Davis, School of Law. He is still keenly interested in education, having served as dean of California Pacific School of Law, and was chairman of California State University, Bakersfield, Foundation’s Board of Directors.

George has served on the board of directors for many professional organizations, including the Association for California Tort Reform, the California Defense Counsel Association, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (Past President), Automobile Club of Southern California Advisory Board, and is the current Chairman of the Witkin Legal Institute Advisory Board. He has lectured for various organizations throughout the state, including the State Bar of California, the California Judges Association, Hastings College of Trial and Appellate Advocacy, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, and the Association of Northern California Defense Counsel, to name a few. He has written numerous legal articles, including the defense portion of the California Education for the Bars Proposition 51 book and has served as Editor-in-Chief for the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel’s *Verdict Journal of Law* and *California Defense* magazines. He also is the editor of the Insurance Bar List annual summary of California law.

George has tried varied legal actions, many of which have worked their way through the appellate courts to make new law. A few of his reported appellate court decisions include: *Riddick v. Hay* (1975) 45 Cal.App.3d 464 (establishing duty of look out and imputation of driver negligence to passenger); *United Farm Workers v. Superior Court* (1975) 47 Cal.App.3d 334 (establishes tort of the essence); *Leach v. Drummond Medical Group* (1983) 144 Cal.App.3d 362 (establishing a tort for refusing treatment to a class of patients in a medical monopoly); and *Bank of America v. S.C. Anderson* (1994) 24 Cal.App.4th 529 (defining elements of the damages of lost profit for a contractor).

George believes that his involvement in local business associations and civic affairs is very helpful to his litigation, business and real estate practice. He has served on many local boards, including the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (Past President) and the Kern County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. He also has served on the Boards of Directors of Greater Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, the Bakersfield Heart Hospital and the Central California Heart Institute, where he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

George is married to Linda Martin, and they have two sons, Bry and Brandon, both of whom are practicing attorneys.

## Education:

- California State University, Sacramento, B.A. (1968)
- University of California, Davis, J.D. (1971)

## Admitted [representative]:

- State Bar of California
- U.S. District Courts Districts of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

## Business and Professional Associations [representative]:

- Borton Petrini, LLP, Firm Managing Partner (1977-2001), Bakersfield Office Managing Partner (1977-2006)
- Witkin Legal Institute Advisory Board, Chairman, Board of Directors (1998 - )
- Automobile Club of Southern California, Member, Advisory Board (1997 - 2001)
- Kern County Economic Development Corporation, Member, Board of Directors (1995 - 2001)
- Kern County Board of Trade, Member, Executive Committee (1997 - 2001)
- California Pacific School of Law, Chairman, Board of Directors (1994 - 1997)
- Central California Heart Institute, Chairman, Board of Directors (1988 - 1991)
- Greater Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, Member, Board of Directors (1986 - 1991)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, President (1984), Member, Board of Directors (1978 - 1985)
- Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors (1988-2004), President (1998)

## Publishing [representative]:

- Executive Editor, *California Defense Magazine*
- Executive Editor, *California Business Counsel Magazine*
- Former Editor-in-Chief, *Verdict Journal of Law* (1982 - 1985)
- Editor, *Land Use Law Quarterly Update*
- Editor, *Real Estate Law Quarterly Report*
- *California Education for the Bars Proposition 51* book

## Significant Honors [representative]:

- Doctor of Humane Letters, California State University, Bakersfield
- Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge National Award
- Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International
- Bench & Bar Award, Kern County Bar Association

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