

Calvin R. Stead



Calvin R. Stead is a Partner in the Bakersfield office of Borton Petrini, LLP. Cal's background includes an undergraduate degree in zoology with a minor in organic chemistry and a master of science degree from the University of Texas. He has more than 12 years experience in air pollution chemistry, nuclear power plant chemistry and chemical toxicology. In 1986, Cal received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Cal's areas of legal expertise include toxic tort litigation, realtor errors and

omissions, commercial and environmental litigation, land use planning, construction defects and oil field litigation. Cal has represented builders, developers, and sub-contractors on a wide variety of construction issues, including grading, soils, foundation, asphalt, concrete, flat work, tile, framing, floor coverings, roofing, masonry and stucco. Within the area of toxic torts, he has handled a vast array of cases, including toxic molds, vaccine reactions, asbestosis, cancer phobia, chemically induced asthma, pesticide and herbicide contamination, EMF, and AIDS contamination and phobia claims.

Cal belongs to many professional organizations representative of both his scientific and legal expertise. Among these are the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, American Nuclear Society, Defense Research Institute, Defense Counsel Association, International Air Waste Management Association, the State Bar of California, and the American Institute of Planning. In addition, Cal has written many articles dealing with topics as diverse as pollution insurance and zoning and land use issues.

Cal stays as involved in his community as he is with his profession. Some of his community service activities include membership in the Bakersfield Rotary Club, membership on the Greater Bakersfield Government Review Council, and he serves on the Board of Directors of Project Clean Air. He was the 1996 president of the Sonoma County Taxpayers Association and is now on the Board of Directors of Kern Tax. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Building Industry Association in Kern County.

Cal is married to Elizabeth Stead and has two children, Christina Nichole and John Frederick.

Education:

- Humboldt State University, A.B., 1970
- University of Texas, M.S., 1979
- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 1986

Admitted:

- State Bar of California, 1987

Business and Professional Associations:

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- California Defense Counsel Association
- International Air Waste Management Association
- American Nuclear Society
- American Society of Clinical Pathologists
- Kern County Bar Association
- San Diego Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Marin County Bar Association

Publications:

- "Improving Your Scene Photos," *California Defense* magazine, Spring, 1992
- "Liability of the Clergy," *California Defense* magazine, Summer, 1992
- "Asbestos Clean-Up Time Bombs," *California Defense* magazine, Fall, 1993
- "Exceptions To The Peculiar Risk Doctrine," *California Defense* magazine, Winter, 1993
- "Exceptions To The Collateral Source Rule," *California Defense* magazine, Spring, 1994
- "The Special Employer Defense," *California Defense* magazine, Winter, 1995
- "Employers' Liability For Criminal Sexual Misconduct of Employees," *California Defense* magazine, Summer, 1998
- Editor, Toxic Alert Column, *California Defense* magazine
- "Screen Test 2000: Screening Employees," *California Defense* magazine, Fall 1998
- Editor, *Construction Law Quarterly Update* newsletter
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