



MICHAEL D. SCHOECK

California Statewide Subrogation Attorney

Mr. Schoeck spearheads the California subrogation and civil litigation department for Siegel, Moreno, & Stettler. His focus lies in workers' compensation subrogation. Renowned for his adept handling of intricate property damage cases, Mr. Schoeck excels in crafting early exit strategies that harmonize with clients' business objectives and litigation aspirations. Beyond the courtroom, Mr. Schoeck's influence resonates as an accomplished speaker, volunteer and mentor.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- Managed a wide spectrum of property damage subrogation cases, ranging in complexity and exposure levels, and attained an impressive 95% success rate on files in November 2018.
- Handled property damage subrogation matters of moderate complexity and/or exposure, including contested liability cases centered on the United States-Mexico border.
- Delivered exceptional outcomes as the sole trail attorney, securing numerous unanimous defense verdicts for clients in admitted auto liability cases, showcasing a track record of consistent success.
- Represented prominent corporations in civil litigation, focusing on insurance defense strategies to safeguard interests and assets.
- Conducted small claims appeal trails, conducted depositions, argued motions in court, prepared cases for trial, communicated litigation strategies to clients, and collaborated with various experts.
- Drafted motions and briefs, such as summary judgment opening briefs and oppositions, motions to dismiss, and motions for judgment on the pleadings.
- Facilitated clients' goals for expedited resolution of cases by orchestrating informal settlement conferences, mediation, and arbitration.
- Authored memoranda encompassing investigative results, strategic next steps, and the interpretations of rules, regulations, statutes, and regulatory decisions to provide clients with informed guidance.
- Speaker and presenter at National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conferences, 2022-2024
 - Watch Your Step: A Slip-and-Fall Roadmap; November 4- 9, 2022 in Marco Island, FL
 - Building Blocks of California WC Subrogation: A Step-by-Step Plan; November 5-8, 2023, in Colorado Springs, CO
 - State Specific Subrogation, Coast-to-Coast; October 28-November 1, 2024, in Phoenix, AZ
- Speaker and presenter at Combined Claims Conference, May 15, 2024; "Wild West of Claims," in Orange County, California
- Recent representative matters include recovering well in excess of \$1 million in workers' compensation benefits paid to two injured workers in an intense, complex litigation involving commercial construction companies and manufacturers.

EDUCATION

- J.D. - Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY (2010)
 - Concentrations: Corporate and Commercial Law; International Law
- B.A. - University of California, San Diego, San Diego, California (2005)
 - Dual Majors: International Studies-Political Science & History, Minor: Latin American Studies

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of California, New York, New Jersey, and District of Columbia Bars. Admitted to U.S. District Court of New Jersey and to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English
- French
- Spanish