

PRACTICE GROUPS

- Personal Injury
 - Airplane Accidents
 - Automobile Accidents
 - Bicycle Accidents
 - Boating Accidents
 - Brain/Spinal Chord Injuries
 - Breach of Warranty
 - Burns and Explosions
 - Construction Site Accidents
 - Dog Bites
 - Insurance Bad Faith
 - Motorcycle Accidents
 - Premises Liability
 - Products Liability
 - Slip/Trip and Fall
 - Train Accidents
 - Truck Accidents
 - Wrongful Death
- Civil Litigation

EDUCATION

Loyola University School of Law

- Juris Doctor (1971)
- *Certificate, Practical Training Program*

California State University, Northridge

- Bachelor of Science, Philosophy (1968)

MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California
- American Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association
- Santa Clarita Bar Association
- Southern California Mediation Association
- Consumer Attorneys Association, Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California

AWARDS

- **AV Rated 5.0 Preeminent**, Martindale-Hubbell (Highest rating for general ethical standards and legal ability)
- **Super Lawyers of Southern California**, *Los Angeles Magazine* 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012



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Andrew L. Shapiro is the Chair of our Personal Injury Practice Group. He has extensive experience in litigating serious accident, injury and wrongful death cases, helping the seriously injured and their families attain fair compensation for their losses.

Specializing in all phases of negligence and personal injury litigation, Mr. Shapiro has obtained multi-million dollar settlements, awards and verdicts for those he represents. A forceful litigator, adept mediator and unbiased arbitrator, Mr. Shapiro fights aggressively for our clients in court, or obtains settlements for those clients who prefer alternatives to the trial process.

Under his counsel, Mr. Shapiro leads clients in a suit against Johnson & Johnson and a subsidiary, for defective medical products such as the DePuy metal on metal hip replacement device. Mr. Shapiro has also filed suit against:

- Companies Failing to Enforce Safety Policies
- Hazardous or Unsafe Property Owners
- Individuals Who Drive While Distracted (DWD)
- International Amusement Parks Violating Safety Rules
- Irresponsible Pet Owners with Vicious Dogs
- Law Enforcement Departments
- Negligent Drivers Who Seriously Injure or Kill Motorcyclists
- Negligent Transportation Companies
- Public Transportation Companies Employing Dangerous Vehicles and Drivers
- State, County and Local Governments
- Trucking Companies Employing Unsafe Drivers or Utilizing Defective Equipment

Mr. Shapiro's track record allows him to negotiate from a position of strength, knowing that if discussions with the other side fail, he will go to trial for our clients, who represent a broad range of individuals or their surviving parents, spouses and children. Mr. Shapiro represents:

- Auto Accident Victims
- Dog Bite Victims
- Motorcycle Accident Victims
- Serious Burn Victims
- Slip, Trip and Fall Victims
- Victims Injured On Dangerous Stairs, Walkways Or Floors
- Victims Injured By Defective Products

Mr. Shapiro's arbitration and jury trial experience is well-regarded by his peers, garnering him a **5.0 Preeminent AV** rating by Martindale Hubbell – the rating reflects the highest level of legal ability and ethical standards awarded by the bar and judiciary. Mr. Shapiro holds a spotless record for ethics throughout the state of California, and has maintained this status for over 39 years. *Los Angeles Magazine* features him annually as one of **Southern California's Super Lawyers**.

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Commencing in 1974, Mr. Shapiro has served on the Panel of Arbitrators for the American Arbitration Association. He previously served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Los Angeles Municipal Court, and has handled over 1,500 cases Pro Bono, as a Settlement Officer, Arbitrator and Mediator for the Los Angeles and Ventura County Superior Courts.

Mr. Shapiro is a member of the State Bar of California, as well as the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles and the Consumer Attorneys of California. He is admitted to practice before all courts in the state of California.

Before joining our Firm, Mr. Shapiro earned his law degree from Loyola University in 1971. While at Loyola School of Law, he became certified under the Practical Training Program for law students. Through his efforts, the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts in Los Angeles allowed law students to represent clients in actual courtroom proceedings for the first time.

Mr. Shapiro received his bachelor's degree from California State University, Northridge in 1968, where he majored in philosophy. The injury lawyer joined Lewitt Hackman as a Shareholder in 1980.

NOTEWORTHY LEGAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Interview, **Attorney Weighs in on Stow Case** - *KABC 7 Los Angeles*, July 2011
- Co-Presenter, **Making the World a Safer Place: Case Studies and Results in Personal Injury Cases** - MCLE Accredited Seminar Series, 2008
- Co-Presenter, **Recovering Damages in Personal Injury Cases** - MCLE Accredited Seminar Series, 2008
- Co-Author, **How to Select a Personal Injury Lawyer** - *Los Angeles Daily News How To Guide*, October 2004
- Interview, **Dog Bites Postman Personal Injury Case** - *NBC 4 Los Angeles*, 2004
- Former **Judge Pro Tem**, Los Angeles Municipal Court
- **Panel of Arbitrators Member**, American Arbitration Association
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