



## Andrew L. Shapiro

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## Practice Groups

- Personal Injury
- Injury Mediation & Arbitration

## Biography

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](#)
- Workers [Injured on Construction Sites](#)

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 40 years. He has been featured annually in *Los Angeles Magazine's* list of Southern California's *Super Lawyers*, and is also named *Best Lawyer in America* for Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, by *Best Lawyers Magazine*, each year since 2018.

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 Los Angeles and Ventura County Superior Courts.

Mr. Shapiro is a member of the State Bar of California, the American Board of Trial Advocates, and 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. He also earned a Certificate from the Pepperdine University School of Law's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, in Mediation Techniques.

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.

## Publications & Speaking

- Author, *Colliding Apps: Ride-Hailing and Scooter Share Injury Laws* - *Valley Lawyer*, July 2019
- Author, *Product Liability Litigation Tests Jurors' Perspectives* - *Valley Lawyer*, March 2018
- 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, July 2009
- Co-Presenter, *Recovering Damages in Personal Injury Cases* - MCLE Accredited Seminar Series, July 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

## Noteworthy Legal Activities

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Los Angeles Municipal Court - Judge Pro Tem
- Los Angeles County / Ventura County Superior Courts - Over 35 years of experience as: - Judge Pro Tem - Settlement Officer - Arbitrator - Mediator

## Memberships

- State Bar of California
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

- Santa Clarita Bar Association
- American Arbitration Association
- Southern California Mediation Association
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Consumer Attorneys Association, Los Angeles
- ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates)

## Awards

- ***AV Rating 5.0 Preeminent***, by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review (Highest rating awarded by peers of the bar and judiciary for legal ability and ethics)
- ***Southern California Super Lawyer***, by *Los Angeles Magazine's Super Lawyers Edition*, 2006 and 2009-current
- ***Best Lawyers: Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs*** by *Best Lawyers Magazine*, 2018 - present

## Education

- Loyola University School of Law Juris Doctor (1971)
- California State University, Northridge Bachelor of Science, Philosophy (1968)
- Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Mediation Training (1998)