



## Stephen T. Holzer

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## Practice Groups

- Business & Civil Litigation
- Environmental
- Transactions
- Litigation

## Biography

Stephen T. Holzer is a Los Angeles civil litigation and environmental law attorney at Lewitt Hackman in the San Fernando Valley. Mr. Holzer joined our Firm in 2006 and is the Chair of our Environmental Litigation & Transactions Practice Group.

Mr. Holzer began representing clients specifically in environmental law in the early 1980s, defending those who came into toxic properties and pursuing the initial polluters for cleanup and costs.

He has testified as an expert witness in a complex Superfund arbitration.

Mr. Holzer successfully defends companies and their employees against criminal charges, and frequently obtains favorable settlements using insurance proceeds – in which clients pay nothing for their complex toxic tort defenses.

Before embarking into environmental law, Mr. Holzer began his career as a business litigator, and continues to advise and litigate for clients in all aspects of business law. He handles cases involving eminent domain and franchise and trademark law, and continues to handle matters involving general business disputes. Mr. Holzer represents:

- Commercial Real Estate Owners
- Dry Cleaning Franchisors
- Government Contractors
- Waste Management Companies

Mr. Holzer is extensively involved in the community. He currently serves as a member of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association Committee on Conference of Delegates of California Bar Associations; he is a former President of the SFVBA (2002-2003), as well as President of the Association's Valley Community Legal Foundation (2009-2010), and Co-Chair of the SFVBA Bench-Bar Committee (2009-2010).

He also served as Chair of the United Chambers of Commerce (UCC) of the San Fernando Valley (2008-2010); Chair of the Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce (2004); Member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Board of Trustees (2001-2002 and 2003-2004); and President of Temple Solael (1995-1998). He has served as Chair of the UCC Government Affairs Committee and is a current Board Member.

Mr. Holzer is a *Southern California Super Lawyer* selected each year since 2005, as listed in *Los Angeles Magazine*, and has been designated a **Top Attorney in Business**, in *Super Lawyers Magazine Business Edition*. He is AV-rated *Preeminent 5.0* by Martindale-Hubble, the highest rating awarded for legal ability and ethical standards by his peers.

The business litigation attorney writes a weekly column, *Legal News You Can Use*, for the *Valley News Group* of newspapers, including the *Warner Center News*; the *Valley Vantage*; and the *Las Virgenes Enterprise*. Mr. Holzer also authors *Environmental Legal Blogs*, which was named one of the *Top 50 Blogs of 2011* in the environmental law and climate change category, by Lexis Nexis.

Mr. Holzer is admitted to the State Bar of California (as of 1977), and the environmental law attorney is also admitted to practice in Illinois (as of 1974). He is admitted to practice various Federal trial and appellate courts.

## Publications & Speaking

- [Courts Begin to Question EPA Authority](#), *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, April 2012
- [Blowin' In the Wind - the Controversy Over Clean Energy](#), *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, March 2011
- [Rigorous Scrutiny of Environmental Regulators](#), *San Fernando Valley Business*

*Journal* March 2011

- [Legal News You Can Use](#), *Valley News Group of newspapers* - Warner Center News - Valley Vantage - Las Virgenes Enterprise
- [Environmental Legal Blog](#)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, Commercial Property: Environmental Warning Signs, Lewitt Hackman MCLE and CPE accredited seminar series
- Co-Presenter, Environmental Concerns: Your Business, Your Property, Your Money, Lewitt Hackman MCLE and CPE accredited seminar series
- Presenter, Commercial Property & Environmental Warning Signs, ProVisors

## Memberships

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

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Past Chair, San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Committee on Conference of Delegates of California Bar Associations
- Co-Chair, San Fernando Valley Bar Association Bench-Bar Committee, 2008-2010
- Chair, United Chambers of Commerce of the San Fernando Valley, 2008-2010
- President, the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Valley Community Legal Foundation, 2008-2010
- Chair, Woodland Hills Chamber of Commerce, 2004
- President, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, 2002-2003
- President, Temple Solael, 1995-1998
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association Board of Trustees, 2001-2002 and 2003-2004

## Awards

- ***AV Rating of 5.0 Preeminent***, Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating awarded by peers of the bar and judiciary for legal ability and ethics.

- ***Nation's Top Attorneys in Business (Environmental Law)*** - *Super Lawyers Business Edition*
- ***Top 50 Blogs of 2011***, in *Environmental Law and Climate Change*, by Martindale-Hubbell
- ***Patricia Phillips Outstanding Committee Service Award***, by Los Angeles County Bar Association
- ***Joseph Staller Memorial Service Award***, by Woodland Hills-Tarzana Chamber of Commerce
- **Southern California Super Lawyer** since 2005 - *Super Lawyers Magazine*

## Education

### Yale Law School

- Juris Doctor (1974)
- *Yale Law Journal* - Board of Editors

### Yale University

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
- *Magna Cum Laude* (1970)
- *Phi Beta Kappa*