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Mike is an internationally recognized defense and coverage attorney who routinely handles the spectrum of straightforward to catastrophic & complex mass tort matters involving the U.S, European, London, Bermuda/Offshore, and Asia-Pacific Markets.

With more than 30 years of experience at Severson & Werson, Mike chairs Severson & Werson's Insurance Practice Group and serves on the Firm's Executive Committee. He advises and represents domestic, European, London Market, Bermuda and Asia-based insurance and reinsurance companies as well as numerous syndicates at Lloyd's, London, in primary and excess matters. Mike also specializes in the defense of insurers as well as their policyholders, coverage interpretation, claims management and representation of Underwriters in multiple lines, including property and casualty, professional liability, employment practices, energy, and product liability. Mike is also a practicing mediator and Superior Court appointed Special Master.

Mike is active in a number of professional organizations, including the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS), the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), the Defense Research Institute (DRI), American Bar Association: Litigation and Tort and Insurance Practice Sections, State Bar of California, and the State Bar of Indiana. Fellow of the American Bar Association Foundation. Member of ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability.

Mike is rated "AV Preeminent" ("Highest possible rating in both legal ability and ethical standards,") in both the Bar Membership Peer Group and Judicial Sections of Martindale-Hubbell's legal directory, and is a former Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana.

## Education

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- University of Santa Clara School of Law, J.D., 1983
- University of Santa Clara, B.A., 1980

## Admissions

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- California
- Indiana
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

## Areas of Practice

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### **Trials**

### **Business Litigation**

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Data Privacy](#)
- [General Liability Defense](#)
- [Intellectual Property Advice & Defense](#)

### **Construction**

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Construction Litigation](#)
- [Privacy Coverage](#)
- [Environmental and Land Use](#)
- [Intellectual Property Advice & Defense](#)
- [Risk Management Counseling](#)

### **Employment**

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

### **Insurance**

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Privacy Coverage](#)
- [Data Privacy](#)
- [Directors & Officers Liability](#)
- [Environmental and Land Use](#)

- [General Liability Defense](#)
- [Insurance Coverage Litigation](#)
- [Insurance Coverage & Underwriters Representation](#)
- [Insurance Defense](#)
- [Intellectual Property Advice & Defense](#)
- [Products Liability Defense](#)
- [Risk Management Counseling](#)
- [Sports & Athletics](#)

## Professional Liability Defense

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Directors & Officers Liability](#)

## Real Estate

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Environmental and Land Use](#)
- [Risk Management Counseling](#)

## Results

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- [Successfully Resolved Mass Tort Explosion-Related Claim Against Design Professional](#)
- [Successfully Resolved Class Action MDL Product Liability Claim](#)
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- [Successfully Resolved Billion Dollar Claim in Australia Against Design Professional](#)
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- [Successfully Resolved Catastrophic Property Claim Against The State of Alaska](#)
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- [Successfully Resolved Alaska Mass Tort Incident](#)
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