

# Steven E. Bledsoe

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Described by one arbitrator as “one of the best trial strategists she has ever seen,” Steven Bledsoe’s practice focuses on complex, high-stakes litigation, including contract disputes, fraud, business torts, [intellectual property](#), and insurance coverage litigation.

With more than 25 years of trial experience, Steven is known for taking the most difficult witnesses at deposition and on cross-examination at trial. He has successfully tried cases before juries, judges, and arbitrators. He has defended corporate clients in a variety of industries, including the aerospace and defense, automotive, consumer wholesale, energy, entertainment, healthcare, food and beverage, software, and financial services industries. In recognition of his career achievements, Steven was listed by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* as one of the “[Top Litigators & Trial Lawyers](#)” in Los Angeles.

Steven has also led high-profile [internal investigations](#), including an internal investigation concerning one of the largest Medicare frauds in U.S. history and an investigation involving tens of millions of dollars in missing investor funds.

In 2020, Steven was appointed to serve a three-year term as a member of the U.S. Department of State’s bipartisan [Cultural Property Advisory Committee](#). Prior to joining Larson when the firm opened in 2016, Steven was an equity partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP and later at Arent Fox.

## Higher Education Honors and Achievements

- *BYU Law Review*

## Steven's Representative Matters

- Won a nearly \$100 million combined settlement to compensate those harmed in the Oct. 2021 oil spill off the Orange County coast.
- Won a \$15 million arbitration award for an industry-leading distributor of insulated wires and cables following 50 days of arbitration hearings.
- Won a **\$10 million jury verdict** against the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center.
- Achieved complete defense verdict and obtained \$9.4 damages and attorneys’ fee award in arbitration of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary, and fraud action involving start-up CBD company.
- Won a \$1 million jury verdict against an insurer in a breach of contract action related



## EDUCATION

- Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School, J.D., magna cum laude
- California State University Long Beach, B.A.

## ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S.D.C. Central District of California
- U.S.D.C. Eastern District of California
- U.S.D.C. Northern District of California
- U.S.D.C. Southern District of California

to the company's refusal to cover real property damage.

- Won complete defense verdict and attorneys' fees award in jury trial defending specialty fuels producer in breach of contract, fraud, and intentional interference with contractual relations action.
- Obtained a complete defense verdict for an automotive dealership group after a three-week trial in a multimillion-dollar breach of contract and fraud dispute.
- Won a [seven-figure judgment](#) following the trial of an attorney fee dispute in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.
- Obtained a complete defense verdict for owners of medical office building after two-week arbitration in multi-million dollar breach of contract suit brought by building developer.
- Obtained summary judgment for a national fast-food company, defeating class allegations that the company violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- Represented a foreign government in international arbitration concerning termination of joint venture agreement, obtaining dismissal of arbitration.
- Represented a foreign government in international arbitration concerning oil and gas dispute with Conoco Phillips.

## Steven's Associations

- U.S. Department of State Cultural Property Advisory Committee, Member

## Steven's Awards & Recognitions

- Los Angeles Business Journal, Top Litigators & Trial Lawyers, 2019
- The Best Lawyers in America®, for Commercial Litigation, 2021-2025

### PRACTICE AREAS

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- Complex Civil Litigation
- Class Action
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental, Natural Resource, and Basic Materials Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Media and Entertainment Litigation
- Partnership Disputes and Securities Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Trusts, Probate, and Estate Litigation
- Internal Investigations and Compliance