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Stefan C. Love has briefed and argued cases in California's Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal as well as in the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

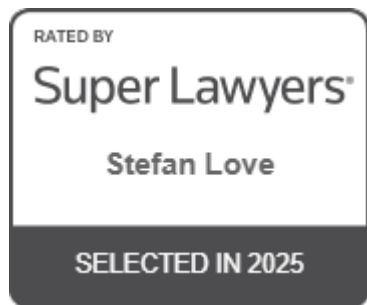
Like most appellate litigators, Stefan is a subject area generalist whose true specialty is appellate practice itself. The issues in his cases have included contract law, family law, securities fraud, constitutional law, and more. Many of his recent wins have involved disputes over insurance coverage. For insurance clients, Stefan secured a series of wins establishing that pandemic-related business losses were not covered by property insurance. On the policyholder side, Stefan obtained a Ninth Circuit reversal that allowed GMSR's bank client to proceed with a \$15 million coverage claim against its forgery insurer.

In addition to his work for clients, Stefan joins GMSR partner David Hackett each winter to present a "year in review" summary of notable civil appellate decisions to members of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC).

After graduating first in his class from the UCLA School of Law, Stefan worked at a BigLaw firm and clerked for Judge Paul J. Watford at the Ninth Circuit.

Before going to law school, Stefan was a professor of music theory, most recently at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He has yet to encounter a legal issue more arcane than the dustier corners of music theory.

Outside of work, Stefan enjoys playing the piano, cooking, and spending time with his wife and two sons.



Education

J.D., UCLA School of Law (2019).

- Ranked First in the Class, 1L, 2L, 3L. Order of the Coif; Labowe Scholarship; Masin Family Academic Award; UCLA Law Review (Senior Editor); UCLA Moot Court Honors; Duberstein National Bankruptcy Moot Court; First Amendment Clinic.

Ph.D. Music Theory, University of Rochester Eastman School of Music (2011).

B.A. Music, Brown University (2006).

- Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

Honors

Recognized by Best Lawyers® in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch®* (Appellate Practice) (2024-2026)

Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Appellate (2023-2025)

Bar Admissions

California

Speaking and Involvement

Understanding Statements of Decision - Pincus Webinar on Preserving the Trial Record for Appeal

2026

"Year in Review" – Case Highlights of 2023, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel Annual Seminar

2024

Writs 101: Administrative, Criminal, and Civil Writ Petitions to the Court of Appeal, California Lawyers Association

2022

In Case You Missed It: Civil Law Highlights From The Past Year, Beverly Hills Bar Association

2022

Professional Associations

Board Member, Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC)

Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA)

Editorial Board, California Litigation, 2021-2023

Notable Wins

Endeavor Operating Company, LLC v. HDI Global Insurance Company (2023) 96 Cal.App.5th 420

Sep 21, 2023

Starlight Cinemas, Inc. v. Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company (2023) 91 Cal.App.5th 24

May 01, 2023

Banc of California National Association v. Federal Insurance Company (9th Cir. Dec. 12, 2022, No. 21-56179) 2022 WL 17583056

Dec 12, 2022

Tufeld Corporation v. Beverly Hills Gateway, L.P. (2022) 86 Cal.App.5th 12

Dec 07, 2022