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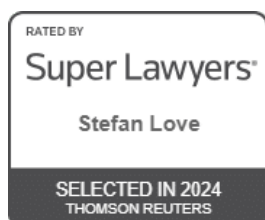
Stefan Caris Love's unique background helps him win appeals for his clients.

At GMSR, Stefan has briefed appeals to the California Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and California Supreme Court on subjects ranging from long-term lease contracts to insurance coverage of pandemic-related losses to loan forgery. In June 2022—just three years after graduating law school—Stefan argued a case before the California Supreme Court. The Court appointed Stefan and GMSR partner Jeff Raskin to brief and argue this immigration case pro bono; in the case's unusual posture, no party was adverse to the petition for review, so to improve its decisionmaking, the Court brought in Stefan and Jeff to articulate the best arguments in favor of affirmance.

Before joining GMSR, Stefan clerked for Judge Paul J. Watford at the Ninth Circuit. As a clerk, he honed his writing skills and saw up close how judges decide cases. His writing about the law has appeared in *California Litigation*, *Law360*, *The Business Lawyer*, *UCLA Law Review*, and UCLA's *Journal of Law and Technology*. He graduated first in his class from the UCLA School of Law.

But before he became a lawyer, Stefan was a professor of music theory, most recently on a tenure track at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Teaching music theory has proven to be apt preparation for appellate advocacy, as both require incisive analysis of difficult concepts. Indeed, Stefan has yet to encounter a legal issue more daunting than music theory at its most arcane.

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.

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## Honors

Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Appellate (2023, 2024)

Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® “Ones to Watch” (Appellate Practice) (2024)

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## Bar Admissions

California

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## Speaking and Involvement

**"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

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## Professional Associations

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC)

Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA)

## High Impact Wins

**Endeavor Operating Company, LLC v. HDI Global Insurance Company (2023) 95 Cal.App.5th 839**  
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

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