

Bruce Edwin McLeod



Practice Focus

- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Toxic Torts
- Complex Civil Litigation
 - Asbestos
 - Benzene
 - Silica
 - Various Chemicals
- Commercial Design Cases

Representative Clients

- American Cyanamid Company
- AstraZeneca LP
- Bayer CropScience
- Chevron U.S.A., Inc.
- Dow Chemical Company
- Ethyl Corporation
- Fiberite Corporation
- Rhodia, Inc.
- Texaco Refining and Marketing, Inc.
- Texaco Marine
- Unocal Corporation
- UOP, LLC

Education

- J.D., Brigham Young University, 1976
- B.S., Brigham Young University, 1973

Admitted to Practice

- California State Bar – 1976
- United States District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of California

Honors

- LexisNexis Martindale - Hubbell AV Rated
- 2003 – 2007 “Super Lawyer,” San Francisco Magazine

In Brief

Mr. McLeod is a founding partner of the firm with substantial trial experience. He specializes in counseling and defending Fortune 500 companies in the oil, chemical, and engineering industries in complex commercial and tort litigation involving products and premises liability claims. In over 30 years of practice, Mr. McLeod has defended suits brought by plaintiffs involving claims of alleged birth defects, cancers, burns, pulmonary abnormalities and neuromuscular deficiencies. In addition, he also has handled claims involving actual or suspected insurance fraud and has been involved in the prosecution of plaintiffs' cases involving significant injury and death. Mr. McLeod began practicing as a Deputy District Attorney in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

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TOXIC TORT

Mr. McLeod currently leads a team involved in litigating a variety of complex toxic tort matters.

Mr. McLeod's team successfully litigated mass tort litigation involving claims of birth defects caused by pesticide. His team also successfully defended class action and individual claims of approximately 7,500 individuals claiming personal injury and property damages resulting from a chemical fire at a sulfuric acid regeneration facility.

TOXIC TORT – ASBESTOS

For over 30 years, Mr. McLeod has headed a team that has defended many different companies in products and premises claims. He has successfully tried cases to defense verdicts.

TOXIC TORT – BENZENE

Mr. McLeod has represented chemical industry clients in defending benzene-related personal injury claims.

COMMERCIAL

Mr. McLeod handles a number of significant commercial matters involving oil refinery property damage claims from both a defense and a plaintiff's perspective.

COMMERCIAL DESIGN CLAIMS

Mr. McLeod defends the interests of a designer of refineries and refinery units involving claims of negligent design.

FRAUD

Mr. McLeod has also been involved in the investigation and defense of insurance fraud claims.

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- Alameda County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute