

# Attorney Profiles

## Kurt U. Campbell

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### Shareholder and Chief Real Estate Officer, KLINEDINST PC

Kurt U. Campbell is the head of Klinedinst's Real Estate, Construction and Land Use practice group. Kurt U. Campbell's extensive litigation, transactional, negotiation and strategic business planning experience have earned him a reputation of excellence throughout California. He represents a wide variety of corporate clients including Fortune 500 companies, developers, general contractors, design professionals, subcontractors, and real estate professionals. Mr. Campbell has achieved Martindale Hubbell's highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards, and been named to the San Diego Super Lawyers® list from 2007-2011. In both 2009 and 2010, Kurt was honored by his peers as a San Diego Top Attorney and featured in the *San Diego Daily Transcript*. He was also named a Top Attorney by *San Diego Metropolitan* in 2011.

Mr. Campbell is involved with many professional associations in California including the Building Industry Association, Associated General Contractors and San Diego Defense Lawyers, and regularly speaks at a variety of programs and events. His case management, mediation, arbitration and trial skills provide clients with valuable insight geared toward the most efficient and cost-effective resolution of both litigation and transactional matters.

Kurt's real estate law practice includes commercial and residential lease agreements, complex real estate transactions, negotiations and contractors. He has also helped clients locate and obtain construction and acquisition property financing. As a licensed California real estate broker and Realtor®, Mr. Campbell is a successful real estate investor in commercial, retail and residential properties. His experience with purchasing and managing residential, commercial and retail properties affords him a unique perspective when representing clients on real estate and leasing issues.

Over the course of his career, he has successfully practiced in a broad array of practice areas, including:

#### **High-Rise Construction:**

Representation of developers, general contractors, owners and major subcontractors, EIFS cladding system, podium deck waterproofing, fenestration issues, leakage at planter systems, elevator issues/accidents, skilled nursing facilities, and retirement communities

#### **WRAP Projects:**

Defense of residential/mixed use and conversion projects, under-insured projects, carrier exhaustion issues, material and product supplier issues, secondary coverage issues, and is a cooperative resolution/litigation cost reduction specialist

#### **Construction:**

Contracting, SB-800 claims, development, land use, risk management, insurance issues, design professional representation, defect work, material suppliers, construction accidents, forensic analysis, business counseling, delay claims, liens, payment disputes, and condo conversion defense

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#### **Practice Areas**

High-Rise Construction,  
Commercial and  
Residential  
Construction  
Real Estate  
Business  
Architects and Engineers  
Transportation  
Environmental  
International Law  
Product Liability  
Mold and Indoor Air Quality

#### **Admitted to Bar**

California and U.S. District  
Court, Southern District of  
California (1994)

#### **Education**

Heidelberg University,  
Germany (1988-1989)

San Diego State University  
(B.A., *cum laude*, 1990)

University of San Diego  
School of Law (J.D., 1993)

#### **Languages**

English, German

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## **Products Liability/Class Actions:**

Construction components, plumbing and mechanical systems, subrogation claims, complex drug cases, exposure cases, catastrophic injury cases, large risk products cases, strict products liability, and class action

## **Errors and Omissions:**

Defend real estate professionals in a wide array of legal disputes surrounding transactions, acquisitions, financing, brokerage, view rights, easements, property disputes, fraud and fraudulent disclosure cases

## **Business Litigation Counseling:**

Contractual disputes, risk management, formation of business entities, unfair business practice claims, business acquisitions, confidentiality agreement disputes, trade secrets, strategic business planning, non-compete agreements and payment disputes

## **Environmental Law:**

Counseling clients in compliance with state and environmental laws, defense of clients relating to environmental issues, and complex negotiations with various administrative agencies

## **General Liability:**

Complex injury cases, construction and crane accidents, catastrophic truck collision cases, premises liability defense, wrongful death and injury cases, inadequate security premises liability, landlord/owner strict liability and severe injury cases related to animals

Mr. Campbell received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. He has been licensed to practice law in California since 1994, has been a shareholder at the firm since 1999 and an equity shareholder since 2000. Kurt currently serves on the firm's Executive Committee.

## **Martindale-Hubbell® Rating**

AV® - Highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

## **Recognition and Awards**

Recognized in the San Diego edition of *Super Lawyers*® for excellence in Construction/Surety (2007) and Construction and Real Estate Litigation (2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011)

Recognized as a Top Attorney in San Diego County - Real Estate Litigation by the *San Diego Daily Transcript* (2009, 2010)

American Jurisprudence Award in Water Rights Law

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## Professional and Community Affiliations

San Diego County Bar Association (Construction, Environmental Law and Land Use Sections)

The State Bar of California

American Bar Association

Building Industry Association of San Diego County

San Diego Association of Realtors®

California Department of Real Estate, Licensed Real Estate Broker (2002)

CBIA Alternate Director and CBIA Construction Defect Reform Task Force

Associated General Contractors

San Diego Defense Lawyers

International Law Society

Treasurer, University of San Diego Appellate Moot Court Board (1992-1993)

San Diego Bankruptcy Forum



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## Publications and Interviews

“Expert Insights: Construction/Real Estate,” *The San Diego Daily Transcript* (May 6, 2010)

“When Projects Go Awry, in Steps ‘CSI’ of Construction Defects,” *The San Diego Business Journal* (September 28, 2009)

“Legal Showdown Looms Over Hilton Mold Tab,” *The Honolulu Advertiser* (April 27, 2003)

“SB 800: A Step In The Right Direction; *Jimenez v. The Superior Court of San Diego County*: Two Steps Backward,” *BIA Builder Magazine* (February 2003)

“Up Close,” *BIA Builder Magazine* (July/August 2002)

“Legislation on Construction Dispute Litigation,” *BIA Builder Magazine* (December 2001)

## Speaking Engagements

MC Consultants 17th Annual West Region Construction Defect and Insurance Coverage Conference, Topic: “It’s a WRAP! - 2011 Market Update” Panel Moderator (September 2011)

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## Speaking Engagements (continued)

California Western School of Law, Topic: "Exploring Options In Legal Specialties Panel" (October 7, 2010)

MC Consultants 16th Annual West Region Construction Defect and Insurance Coverage Conference, Topic: "WRAPS: An Update From the Front Lines" Panel Moderator (September 2010)

Spring 2010 USLAW Network Client Conference, Topic: "It Isn't Easy Being Green: Green Litigation Update & Insurance Coverage Issues In Green And Sustainable Design Construction Panel" (April 16, 2010)

California Western School of Law, Topic: "Exploring Options Panel" (October 23, 2008)

"WRAPS: Are They All They're Cracked Up to Be?" Building Industry Association (December 12, 2006)

"Handling Construction Defect Claims, Strategies and Tactics - Developing and Managing High-Rise CD Cases," 8th Annual Key West Seminar (October 2004)

"Potential Economic Risks Effectuated by Indoor Mold Standards," The Conference on the Strand: Risk Management of Indoor Mold Standards (October 2003)

"Lawsuit Abuse in San Diego County Exposed," Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) (June 2003)

"SB 800 Concerns Customer Service - The Key to Avoiding Litigation," Building Industry Association (January 2003)

"Tips for Effective Mediation" (June 19, 2002)

"Construction Defect Nuts And Bolts" (October 2001)

"Indoor Air Quality Claims: Mold and More," Midwest Environmental Claims Association 8th Annual Conference (October 2000)

