

**M**ark D. Stavros, a partner in the San Diego office, predominately represents real estate brokers and agents (residential and commercial) in trial/litigation, arbitration, mediations, D.R.E. accusations/investigations, commission disputes, and other matters. Mr. Stavros has defended real estate brokers in over 600 litigation matters and well over 5,000 pre-lawsuit claims. Mark also represents appraisers, escrow companies and home inspectors.

Mr. Stavros is appointed to the California Association of Realtors Strategic Defense Attorney Panel. He is a member of CAR's Legal Affairs Forum and in the past has served as a member of its Tort Reform Group.

He has been a guest speaker for NAR, CAR, the Cendant Convention, the Women's Council of Realtors, and several hundred realty brokerages/associations. He is a member of the State Bar of California, the San Diego County Bar Association, and is an affiliate member of the San Diego Association of Realtors.

Mr. Stavros acts as panel counsel for major insurance carriers issuing errors and omissions liability insurance in California. He enjoys a reputation for terminating claims early without disproportionate attorneys' fees being incurred by the broker and/or insurer. He places special emphasis on providing knowledgeable and determinative risk management.

One of Mark's cases resulted in a published decision by the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District judgment affirmed: no recovery of attorneys' fees after voluntary pretrial dismissal despite contractual agreement to the contrary]. *Ryder v. Peterson* (1996) 51 Cal.App.4th 1056. Mr. Stavros' earlier professional experience was primarily as a litigator representing developers and subcontractors. He also acted as General Counsel for a San Diego-based FDIC insured lending institution.

Mr. Stavros has been admitted to practice in California since 1987 and is a graduate of San Diego State University (B.A.) and Western State University (J.D.). When not at work, he and his wife Cathy and their three daughters Hayden, Dylan, and Simone enjoy family life in La Jolla, California. He is an avid surfer and finds time to relax with music and films.