



## Austin M. Stenberg

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Austin Stenberg represents a wide array of individual and corporate clients in all aspects of civil litigation. His practice focuses on the defense of claims related to general liability, automobile liability, premises liability and personal injury.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Austin worked at an established California firm and a large practice in the San Fernando Valley, providing litigation defense in various practice areas. He honed his legal research and writing skills and handled all phases of trial preparation related to plaintiff-side litigation as a law clerk at a boutique personal injury firm. Austin's interest in litigating matters involving copyright and trademark protection laws was piqued during law school when he assisted low-income clients in filing for copyright and trademark protection in connection with their businesses or original artistic output as an Intellectual Property clinic member.

### **Insurance & Reinsurance Defense**

Austin has extensive experience facilitating settlements among various insurance claimants with competing interests, including claims involving the wrongful deaths of multiple unrelated parties, as well as insurance claims requiring the filing of a minor's compromise petition. Austin is well-versed in representing insurance companies in connection with first-party bad faith claims related to the denial of insurance coverage for automotive, home and fire policies. In addition, Austin effectively handles cases involving independent contractors driving for ride-share companies, as well as matters involving underinsured and uninsured motorists.

### **Education**

- University of Southern California Gould School of Law (J.D., 2019)
  - Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic

### **Services**

- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Intellectual Property & Technology

- Certificate in Entertainment Law
- Florida State University (B.S. Psychology, *summa cum laude*, 2016)
  - Phi Beta Kappa
  - Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
  - Psi Chi Honor Society

### **Bar Admissions**

- California

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

## **Representative Matters**

Prevailed on summary judgment in a contentious first-party bad faith lawsuit brought by a plaintiff claiming to have lost millions of dollars in stolen property following a catastrophic fire stemming from the plaintiff's operation of an unauthorized Airbnb business.

Obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of a food distributor in a complex premises liability case in which the plaintiff slipped on an unknown substance while perusing the aisles of a local grocery store in the presence of various store employees and multiple third-party vendors.