

## Joseph R. Serpico – Partner



Joseph Serpico received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science (Cum Laude) from California State University, Northridge in 1973. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Southwestern University School of Law in 1976. He has practiced law in Los Angeles since 1977. Mr. Serpico is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Central District of California and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the Community Associations Institute.

Mr. Serpico specializes in civil litigation, including real property, products liability, construction defects, and the representation of community associations, both as general counsel and as litigation counsel. He was counsel for the prevailing defendant in *Blackwell v. Phelps Dodge Corp.* 157 Cal.App.3d, 372

(1984), a published decision in the area of products liability failure to warn. Mr. Serpico has represented common interest associations and their officers as general counsel in diverse matters including transactional, covenant enforcement, land use, architectural restrictions, member discipline and rule enforcement, insurance issues, assessment collection, contractor and vendor disputes, and common area repair issues including major reconstruction and mold remediation. Mr. Serpico has handled numerous construction defect lawsuits for property owners and common interest developments. He has obtained several multi million dollar settlements for plaintiffs in those cases, including a \$3 million settlement on behalf of the Harborplace Towers Homeowner's Association. Mr. Serpico has substantial civil trial and litigation experience in diverse subject matter areas including professional liability and medical malpractice, industrial machine design liability, automotive design liability, soil subsidence, toxic chemicals, employment litigation, insurance coverage, and premises liability.

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