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Michael B. Fisher is Of Counsel in the firm's Litigation Practice Group in Los Angeles and serves as the firm's Associate General Counsel–Litigation. Prior to joining Buchalter Nemer in 2004, Mr. Fisher was a litigation attorney with the law firms of Stroock, Stroock and Lavan, LLP and Heller Ehrman, LLP. Mr. Fisher has significant experience in handling complex litigation for financial institutions and financial services companies, including commercial banks, residential lenders, sub–prime lenders, credit card issuers, and investment banks.

In addition to general business and commercial litigation, Mr. Fisher's areas of emphasis include contract disputes, unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, copyright and trademark, creditors' rights and fair debt collection practices, employment disputes, and California's Proposition 65.

Mr. Fisher's recent engagements include the following:

- Defense of lender against \$20 million claim for fraud and breach of contract relating to failed residential development project
- Obtained \$7 million judgment for lender in fraud case which garnered national notoriety and ultimately led to the conviction of defendant on federal bank fraud charges
- Defense of lender in federal multi-district litigation involving over 250 separate cases alleging violations of the Federal Truth in Lending Act and Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act
- Defense of national retailer in class action seeking over \$10 billion in damages for purported violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Defense of consumer fraud suit seeking damages in excess of \$500 million against major credit card issuer
- Defense of finance management companies for purported mismanagement on clients' multi-million dollar assets

## **Publications, Media and Presentations**

- Media Mention, "Micro-Pak Smells a Rat in Chemical Suit Over YCM Packaging," Law360, April 24, 2014
- Commentary, "Suit Alleges Shoe Boxes Contain Ingredient in Rat Repellent," LA Times, April 22, 2014
- "The Sham Guaranty Defense: Lessons Learned From The Great Recession" Buchalter Nemer 2013 Brown Bag Teleseminer
- "Got Cadmium? Next Trend in Proposition 65 Litigation," Presentation to the California Fashion Association, Los Angeles, CA, July 2010

Mr. Fisher was named a 2009 Southern California Super Lawyer Rising Star by Law & Politics and Los Angeles magazines.

Mr. Fisher earned his J.D. *cum laude*, at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. While in law school, Mr. Fisher was a member of the Thurston Honor Society, was awarded a Certificate of Merit for Moot Court Oral Argument, and worked as note editor for the *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*. Mr. Fisher received his B.A. degree in Psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

## **Areas of Practice**

Litigation
Financial Institution Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Labor and Employment

## **Bar Admissions**

California

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U.S. District Court for the Central District of California U.S. District for the Court Eastern District of California U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

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