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Michael Cereseto focuses his practice on complex business litigation and specializes in defending state and national wage and hour, consumer regulation and securities class actions. He is currently litigating class cases in federal and state courts in different jurisdictions on behalf of public restaurant chains, retailers, lenders and investment advisors.

During his 30+ years as a litigator, Mr. Cereseto has successfully defended class certification proceedings brought against the Firm's restaurant, retailer and lender clients. He has tried cases in federal and state courts and has prevailed in appeals before the state and federal Court of Appeals. Mr. Cereseto has also recently litigated cases involving mortgage and securities fraud in the sub-prime market, national class cases involving the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, high rise construction defects, real property disputes, title insurance claims, land use, easement, license and trademark, and insurance coverage issues. He has extensive experience in class actions brought under the California Business and Professions Code Section 17200, the California Labor Code and the Federal Fair Labor and Standards Act.

Mr. Cereseto is a member of the American Bar Association and Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Mr. Cereseto received his J.D. in 1973 from the University of California School of Law at Los Angeles, and his B.A. *cum laude* from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1970.

**Areas of Practice:**

Litigation  
Class Action Litigation  
Financial Institutions Litigation  
Insurance Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation  
Unfair Competition  
Business Litigation  
Labor and Employment  
Hospitality, Food and Beverage

**Bar Admissions:**

California