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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Japan Practice; ?????????; Real Estate; Alternative Lenders;  
Apparel & Consumer Products; Hospitality, Food and Beverage  
Industry Law; Fiduciaries, Receivers & Trustees; Wine Industry Law

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Michael Muse-Fisher represents public and private companies in a variety of state, federal and administrative cases involving contract disputes, commercial litigation, real estate disputes, licensing and intellectual property matters, eminent domain/inverse condemnation, government tort liability, breach of fiduciary duty, as well as land-related torts. Mr. Muse-Fisher also represents regional and national lenders, banks, financial institutions, and REITs. Mr. Muse-Fisher has extensive experience in secured transactions, creditor's rights, loan workouts and restructuring, provisional remedies, receiverships, collections and post-judgment enforcement.

Mr. Muse-Fisher was named "One to Watch" from 2022-2024 by *Best Lawyers* for his work in Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Law.

Mr. Muse-Fisher's practice includes expertise in:

- Receivers, fiduciaries, and provisional directors (and other Remedies)
- Creditor's rights and secured transactions
- Loan workouts and restructuring
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Commercial and Residential Leasing
- Commercial/Business Litigation
- Corporate and Partnership Disputes
- Copyright and Trademark Disputes
- Licensing of Intellectual Property
- Liquor License sales and acquisitions
- Licensing Disputes
- Alternatives to Bankruptcy

Representative clients include national lending and financial institutions, state and federal receivers, and companies ranging from family-owned operations to Fortune 100 corporations.

He has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a Southern California Rising Star from 2013-2017. Mr. Muse-Fisher has been recognized as one of *Sacramento Magazine's* Top Lawyer in the field of Commercial

Litigation since 2021.

## **Representative Matters**

- Defense of Fortune 500 Corporation in multi-party litigation involving non-compete clause in employment agreements;
- Representation of Lender in state court receivership action involving multiple properties and defaults on multiple loans in excess of \$50,000,000.00;
- Representation of Receiver in state court receivership action involving large-scale mixed-use development project;
- Representation of equity Receiver charged with the responsibility for operating an internet sales company and selling the company's assets;
- Prosecution of nationwide paper goods manufacturer's breach of contract claims;
- Defense of major garment retailers in a copyright dispute involving potential claims in excess of \$1,000,000.00; and
- Significant experience in preparing all aspects of a case for trial or arbitration.

## **Publications**

- The Receiver Strikes Back: Navigating Coordinated Tenant Rent-Strikes Through a Receivership, *Receivership News*, June 1, 2012

## **Presentations**

- Speaker, "Receiverships in the Time of Covid-19: Navigating Real Estate, Retail and Restaurant Receiverships in These Uncertain Times," California Receiver's Forum, August 26, 2020
- Moderator, "The Neutrality of a Post-Judgment Receiver: How Aggressive Can the Post Judgment Receiver Be?," California Receiver's Forum, Loyola VIII Symposium, January 24, 2020
- Moderator, "Health & Safety Receiverships: Legal Breakthroughs and Lessons from the Trenches," Los Angeles California Receivers Forum, June 18, 2019
- Speaker, "'Vice' Receiverships," Los Angeles County Bar Association, May 22, 2019
- Speaker, "Michael Muse-Fisher, Speaker at the LACBA New! Pre-judgment Attachment Fundamentals Workshop," Los Angeles County Bar Association, 1055 West 7th Street, Suite 2700, December 7, 2016
- Moderator, "Receivership Sales & Title Insurance: Tricks and Tips on Getting Your Buyers the Title Insurance They Require," California Receivers Forum, March 23, 2016
- Speaker, "Prejudgment Remedies Essentials," Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Remedies Section, April 28, 2015

## **Webinars**

- "Webinar: Cannabis Remedies and Receiverships," November 8, 2022

## **Education**

Mr. Muse-Fisher earned his J.D. at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law *with distinction* in 2007 and was a member of the Traynor Honor Society. While in law school, he was also a staff writer and editor for the *Pacific McGeorge Global Business & Development Law Journal*, during which he published the commentary "CAFTA-DR and the Iterative Process of Bilateral Treaty Making, Towards a United States Takings Framework for Analyzing International Expropriation Claims." Mr. Muse-Fisher received his B.A. in Japanese Language Studies at the University of California, Berkeley in 2002, and spent time working

overseas in Osaka, Japan.

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### **Bar Admissions**

- California

### **Community**

- Chair Elect and Director of California Receiver's Forum State Organization
- Board Member of the Los Angeles/Orange County Council for the California Receiver's Forum
- Educational Co-Chair and Board Member for the Sacramento Council for the California Receiver's Forum
- (Prior Chair and Ex Officio) Executive Committee for the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Remedies Section

### **Languages**

- Japanese