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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, 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 2022-2025 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