

Areas of Practice

- Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Vehicular Accidents
- Products Liability
- Toxic Exposure
- Industrial Accidents
- Fraud
- Elder Abuse
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Employment Discrimination
- Civil Rights

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Firm Profile

Founded in Contra Costa County in 1979, Casper, Meadows, Schwartz & Cook has earned its reputation for quality and excellence. Martindale-Hubbell, an independent company responsible for the evaluation of law firms nationally, awarded the firm an "AV-rating". This rating is only awarded to the top 5 percent of firms based on integrity, achievement, and reputation. All four partners have been chosen as "Northern California Super Lawyers by their peers for each of the past six years.

Casper, Meadows, Schwartz & Cook represents clients and their families who have suffered serious personal injury or death arising from motor vehicle accidents, product failures, toxic exposure, and other acts of negligence and misconduct.



Stan Casper

Mr. Casper emphasizes litigating serious injury cases. He is board certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Mr. Casper has negotiated a medical negligence settlement against the Contra Costa Hospital on behalf of an injured child for a future payout exceeding \$70 million, and recently represented fourteen female police employees in a \$4.95 million settlement for sexual harassment. He graduated from Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley in 1973. He was admitted to the California State and Federal Bars the same year. Mr. Casper is past President of the Contra Costa County Bar Association. He was formerly an instructor in "Trial Practice" at Boalt Hall and continues to lecture to practicing attorneys.



Michael Meadows

Mr. Meadows has extensive experience in leadership roles in complex litigation. He was co-lead counsel in a toxic tort case which resulted in an \$80 million settlement. A graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1974, Mr. Meadows was admitted to the Bar in the same year. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Alameda/Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Association and the Consumer Attorneys of California and is a continuing legal education lecturer.



Andrew C. Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz has been board certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and emphasizes litigating serious injury cases. He was lead trial counsel in the cases of Acosta v. City and County of San Francisco, and Wilkes v. Merrithew Memorial Hospital, both of which resulted in successful jury verdicts. A graduate of the University of San Francisco (J.D.) in 1975, Mr. Schwartz was admitted to the California and Federal Bars the same year and to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1979. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of both the Contra Costa County Legal Services Foundation and the Alameda/Contra Costa Trial Lawyers Association, and as co-chairman of the Contra Costa Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.



Larry Cook

Mr. Cook has litigated serious injury cases for 20 years. He has obtained multimillion dollar settlements and verdicts in personal injury and wrongful death cases. He recovered \$3.45 million for a partially disabled county employee and \$3.25 million for the victim of an airplane crash. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1980 and graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Law in 1985. He is admitted to the California and Federal Bars and to the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Cook has served as President of both the Contra Costa County Bar Association and Barristers Association.



Thom Seaton

Mr. Seaton focuses on legal writing and appellate practice to support the firm's litigation of civil rights, serious injury and employment discrimination cases. He has successfully represented clients in the United States Supreme Court and in federal and state trial and appellate courts. His clients have prevailed in the following cases, among others: Community Communications Co., Inc. v. City of Boulder, Colo. 455 U.S. 40, (1982); Kimbark v. Metal Deck Specialists No. AO97402 (1st Dist. 2003); Swangin v. California State Police 163 F.3d 501 (9th Cir; 1999). Mr. Seaton graduated from Boalt Hall in 1974 where he was a Research Editor of the California Law Review.



Nick Casper

Nick Casper received his undergraduate education from the University of California, Los Angeles, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 2001. He graduated from the University Of San Francisco School of Law. Mr. Casper worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Mark Simons of California's First District Court of Appeal, First District. As an associate attorney at Casper, Meadows, Schwartz & Cook since 2007, Mr. Casper is actively involved in litigating many of the firm's largest cases.

Representative Cases

\$80 Million Recovery in Toxic Exposure Suit
Oil company ignores toxic chemical leak for weeks; exposes 6,000 local residents to dangerous compound that causes ongoing respiratory problems. CMS&C helps victims recover \$80 million.

\$20 Million Recovery for Clergy Sexual Abuse Victims
Victims of clergy sexual abuse speak out in adulthood after years of silent suffering. CMS&C helps victims recover over \$20 million decades after the crimes were committed.

\$4.95 Million Recovery for Sexual Harassment
Female police officers singled out for unfair treatment by Bay Area Agency.

\$3.75 Million Recovery in Product Liability Suit
Collapse of a defective jack stand causes the death of a husband with two young children.

\$3.45 Million Recovery in Auto Accident Case
Auto rear end collision. Client sustains severe back injury requiring multiple surgeries and resulting in near paralysis.

\$3.3 Million Recovery for Employment Discrimination
Racial discrimination against large food producer conglomerate for failure to promote and ignoring racial insults and threats.

\$3.25 Million Recovery for Traumatic Head Injury
Private airplane overruns runway during landing and strikes automobile, causing major head injury.

\$3 Million Refinery Explosion; Death Case
Worker dies of severe burns after explosion and fire at local oil refinery.