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An attorney whose name is synonymous with medical malpractice and professional liability defense in Southern California, David O'Keefe has demonstrated intelligence, civility and exemplary trial skills during the four decades he has practiced law.

Focus Areas

He is widely recognized for his victories in numerous complex trials alleging medical, psychiatric and emotional injuries caused by malpractice. Cases involving birth injuries, head trauma, emergency medicine, plastic surgery and anesthesiology are among his areas of expertise.

"Every case has its weak points and we work to overcome them," is how David explains his outstanding record of trial achievement. Persuasion, ethical considerations and clear communication are his guiding tenets when defending clients in malpractice and catastrophic injury cases.

David has served as lead counsel in more than 250 jury trials and arbitrations and is a member of numerous leading professional organizations including the American Board of Trial Advocates, the American College of Trial Lawyers as well as the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. These organizations which are by invitation only are comprised only of the most experienced trial attorneys in the country.

Representative Matters Include:

- Defense of emergency room physician against improper treatment claims in the accidental drowning death of a toddler.
- Defense of elder abuse case involving a dependent, brain damaged male, confined to long term care facility.
- Defense of landowner in complex liability litigation involving an elevator shaft accident that resulted in an employee's quadriplegia.
- Defense of religious organizations and other nonprofit groups in personal injury and abuse claims.
- Numerous medical malpractice defense verdicts involving catastrophic injuries alleged against obstetricians, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists, anesthesiologists, cosmetic surgeons and physician practice groups.
- Acting on behalf of religious organizations, defending against personal injury liability and sexual abuse claims.

Education

- University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, J.D., 1964
- Loyola University, Los Angeles, B.A., Philosophy 1961

Courts Admitted

- United States District Court, Central District of California
- All California State Courts

Practice Areas

- Elder Law & Long Term Care
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Professional Liability

Associations

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) - Diplomate
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers - Fellow
- American College of Trial Lawyers - Fellow
- L.A. ABOTA - Past President
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

Recognition

- Champions of Justice Honoree, Loyola Law School (2012)
- *Best Lawyers* – Los Angeles Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year (2010-2015)
- The Best Lawyers in America (1987-2014)
- CAL-ABOTA Trial Lawyer Of The Year (2007)
- *Law & Politics* – Southern California Super Lawyers (2004-2014); Southern California's Top 100 (2006-2015)
- *Law & Politics* – Southern California Super Lawyers, Medical Malpractice (2004-2015)
- Law Dragon – Recognized as One of Top 500 Lawyers in America (2005-2008)
- ABOTA Civility Awards – Los Angeles Chapter (2000)
- President - Los Angeles Chapter of ABOTA

Presentations & Publications

- Multiple seminars, lectures and panel presentations on medical malpractice, negligence, trial conduct and technique issues.