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Barry Lesch has been with LFLM since its inception, and is currently Of Counsel in the Oakland Office. His practice includes representing insurance carriers, third-party administrators, and self-insured employers in all areas of state workers' compensation law, with some emphasis on public agency litigation.

Mr. Lesch graduated from Boalt Hall Law School in 1975 and first found work in the mid-70's recession as an applicant's attorney in Oakland. Later, he relocated his skills to a San Francisco house counsel operation which led him to LFLM (and its small predecessor firm, Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold) in 1981. Currently, he is a senior attorney at LFLM's Oakland office, having worked for the firm for more than a third of a century. Sixteen years of that time was spent serving as the Managing Partner of its Sacramento offices. Mr. Lesch is also one of the Managing Editors of the California Workers' Compensation Reporter (CWCR). He is a frequent presenter and lecturer on the topic of compensation law issues, particularly evolving (or regressing) case law.

Professional or Trade Affiliations

- The State Bar of California, Workers' Compensation Section

Honors & Awards

- 2014 Steve Jimenez Memorial Special Recognition Award for Defense Attorney of the Year
- Named Super Lawyer for more than a decade

Publications

- **LINDH UPENDS STATUS QUO: Legitimizes Apportionment to Underlying Asymptomatic Conditions, 2018**
- **County of San Diego v. WCAB (Pike): Court of Appeal Recaps the 104 Week TD Statute the Board Temporarily Uncapped**

, 2018

- **WCAB – Maxham v. Calif. Dept. of Corrections en banc decision of 1/23/17, 2017**
- Managing Editor, *California Workers' Compensation Reporter* (writing and editing *Reporter* since 1976)
- Co-author, *Meeting Statutory Deadlines: Workers' Compensation*, (Cal CEB)
- CEB Worker's Compensation Practice Guide, Co-Author, *Chapter 14: Gathering Evidence*
- Frequent contributor to various publications including but not limited to *State Bar Quarterly*, *Workers' Compensation Section*; *LFLM E-Flashes*; and *LFLM Newsletter*.

Speaking Engagements

- Frequent lecturer on compensation topics, particularly case law developments

Practice Areas

- **Workers' Compensation Defense**
- **Labor Code §132a Discrimination**
- **Labor Code §4553 Serious and Willful Misconduct**
- **Public Agency Defense**

Admitted to Practice

- The State Bar of California, 1975

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall, Juris Doctor, 1975
- Indiana University, Masters of Arts, 1971
- University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Arts, 1965