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Stephen K. Nakata is the Managing Partner of our Los Angeles office. Mr. Nakata has over 25 years of experience representing employers and insurers against workers' compensation claims, under both California Workers' Compensation and Longshore Acts.

Prior to joining LFLM, Mr. Nakata counseled and defended employers regarding labor and employment matters involving harassment and discrimination in Federal and State courts. He has experience defending wage and hour matters before the California Labor Commissioner as well as in Superior Court. He has tried matters to verdict in Federal and State courts, before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and before the Federal Office of Administrative Law Judges. Mr. Nakata has also appeared before California Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Professional or Trade Affiliations

- The State Bar of California, Workers' Compensation and Labor and Employment Sections
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Workers' Compensation and Labor and Employment Sections

Publications

- *Business and Professions Code §14335: It Should Be Disregarded*, New Matter, Vol. 17, No. 1, Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar, 1992

- *In the Beginning: Timely Notice of an Injury and Filing of a Claim*, The Longshore Textbook, 3rd Edition, Chapter Author, 1993

Speaking Engagements

- *Navigating Concurrent Jurisdiction: How the Jones Act, LHWCA, and State Compensation Acts Intersect*, Loyola University, New Orleans, 2016
- *Show Me the Money: Subrogation and Third Party Credit*, California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses, 2015
- *Claims Resolution: It's Money Than Just Money*, HUB International, 2015

Community Involvement

- San Fernando Valley Japanese Language Institute
- PTA President, 2014 – 2016
- PTA Vice President, 2012 - 2014

Practice Areas

- **Workers' Compensation Defense**
- **Public Agency Defense**
- **Subrogation**
- **Longshore & Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and its Extensions**

Admitted to Practice

- The State Bar of California, 1993
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1994
- United States District Court, Central District of California, 1993
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California, 1994
- United States District Court, Northern District of California, 2001
- United States District Court, Southern District of California, 2001

Education

- University of San Francisco, School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1992
- California Lutheran University, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, 1998
- University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts, Economics and History, 1989