



## Stephen M. Frayne

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### RELATED SERVICES

- Environmental & Toxic Tort
- Asbestos & Talc

### OFFICES

- Walnut Creek
- San Francisco
- Sacramento

### OVERVIEW

Stephen Frayne is a Senior Counsel practicing in the Environmental & Toxic Tort group at GRSM. Stephen has over 25 years of experience in products liability and toxic tort litigation. His current practice focuses on the defense of personal injury lawsuits based on claims of exposure to asbestos, talc, benzene and other toxic exposures. In this capacity, he has represented a broad variety of clients in many different industries: from multinational manufacturers of industrial equipment and consumer goods, large construction contractors, automotive and component part manufacturers, to small, privately owned service and supply companies.

Prior to joining GRSM, Stephen practiced in the Products Liability and Toxic Tort practice groups at a well-established San Francisco litigation firm. His prior litigation experience also includes wrongful termination and other employment litigation, the defense of medical malpractice claims, medical device products liability claims, insurance coverage litigation, and the defense of automakers and tire

manufacturers in products liability litigation arising out of catastrophic accident claims and rollover litigation.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Representative Experience

- Currently specializing in defending clients at trial preservation depositions and conducting effective cross-examination of plaintiffs in significant mesothelioma personal injury actions
- Successful law and motion practice in superior courts of California in both dispositive and discovery motions
- Defends and conducts depositions of experts in mesothelioma and other asbestos-related personal injury actions

## CREDENTIALS

### Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Courts, Northern and Central Districts of California

### Education

- J.D., University of Arizona, 1995
  - Recipient, Dean's Achievement Award Scholarship
- B.A., *cum laude*, History, Yale University, 1991
  - Recipient, Starr Foundation Scholarship

### Clerkships

- Honorable Gordon T. Alley, Pima County Superior Court

### Externships

- Extern-Prosecutor, Pima County Attorney's Office