

# Haapala, Thompson & Abern, LLP

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## Steven Sheriff Abern, Partner

**Steven S. Abern** is a partner in the firm and was admitted to practice in 1990. Mr. Abern is an AV-rated attorney and is experienced trial counsel in insurance defense. Mr. Abern has a diverse civil litigation practice, including insurance and casualty defense, premises liability, construction and real estate litigation, coverage and bad faith litigation, personal injury and general business matters. He defends policy holders in a wide range of cases including major property damage claims requiring aggressive defense. Mr. Abern is a certified Mediator serving Bay Area litigants in the areas of real estate, business, landlord-tenant disputes, and personal injury.

Mr. Abern specializes in catastrophic injury claims, landlord-tenant litigation, real estate and construction litigation, commercial and residential litigation, ADA claims, products liability, neighbor and boundary disputes, commercial transportation litigation, and business and employment litigation.

Mr. Abern's experience includes numerous jury trials, arbitrations and mediations. In addition, Mr. Abern serves as Cumis counsel and has extensive appellate experience.

### **Admissions:**

The State Bar of California (1990)  
United States District Court, Northern District

### **Memberships:**

Association of Defense Counsel  
Alameda County Bar Association

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Grinnell College, Iowa (1979)  
University of San Francisco School of Law (1990)



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