

## Joseph M. Marchini

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Joseph M. Marchini is an experienced litigator. His primary practice areas are complex civil litigation and agribusiness. Joe has been lead counsel in several of the largest and most complex business cases involving parties engaged in agribusiness in this state. He has been with the firm since 1978 and is an expert in agribusiness and complex civil litigation.

### Background

Joe is a Valley native, having grown up on a family farm in Merced County. He began his legal career with Baker Manock and Jensen in 1978. He has served in various management positions in the firm. He is currently Chair of the firm's Litigation Department and serves as the firm's Risk Management Attorney. Joe's practice emphasis has been large, complex multi-party litigation in both the state and federal courts. He represents his clients at both the trial and appellate level. His experience includes PACA litigation, crop loss cases, water rights litigation, issues arising from the operation of agricultural cooperatives, breach of fiduciary duty litigation, partition actions, and general business disputes. Joe's other area of emphasis is providing general business advice to various clients engaged in farming, packing, food processing, produce brokerage and the food import/export industry. Joe has negotiated and drafted various types of marketing contracts and loan agreements for both domestic and international transactions. He also provides cooperative marketing associations' advice on issues of law unique to that business form.

He is a member of the American Agricultural Law Association, the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives, and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. He has served as Co-Chair of the State Bar of California's Agribusiness Committee.

Joe has been recognized as an AV Preeminent attorney by the Martindale-Hubbell organization for over twenty years. He has been named a "Top Rated Lawyer" in both the Appellate and Commercial Litigation categories. He is a Northern California Super Lawyer and Northern California Top Attorney.

Joe has served his community and his profession in various capacities. He is a member of the Alumni Board of Governors of UC Hastings College of the Law. He sits on the Risk Management Committee of Pilot Legis, a professional insurance group. He is past Chairperson of Nancy Hinds Hospice. He is a past member of the boards of the Fresno Business Council and the Fresno City and County Historical Society. He has provided pro bono legal seminars to directors of various entities served by the United Way.

### Areas of Practice

- Agribusiness
- Alternative Dispute Resolution & Mediation
- Business Litigation
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
- Reclamation & Water Law

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### Education

- Hastings College of the Law, University of California (J.D., 1978)
- University of San Francisco (B.A., summa cum laude, 1975)

### Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California (1978)
- All U.S. Judicial Districts in the State of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Tax Court

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