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**Areas of Expertise:**

Based on more than forty years of design/build construction experience, I offer expert consultation, evaluation, and witness services in the following areas of construction;

**Exterior Construction** - Stephen George has been a member of the California Landscape Contractors Association, (CLCA) since 1983, and involved in the industry since 1966.

Services include litigation support to attorneys for construction defect, water intrusion from irrigation/drainage systems, maintenance of existing landscape construction systems, and as well as personal injury cases.

**Industry Expert – C-27 Landscape Construction – California State License Board**

**Residential Fire & Wildfire Landscape Evaluations** – Providing residential fire and wildfire landscape loss for homeowners of the 2003 and 2007 wildfires. We are currently involved in detailing the replacement costs of over 20 cases in the wildfires of 2007. This includes landscapes, irrigation, drainage, hardscape, decking, water features, and hardscape construction.

**Industry Standards** - consulting, design, installation, and maintenance for residential and commercial exterior construction;

- Landscape - responsible for the design, material selection, placement, and maintenance of landscape materials.

## ***Stephen George Expert Witness Services***

- Irrigation – design, selection of materials, site layout, and installation of simple to complex irrigation systems including, but not limited to drip, matched precipitation, stream rotor, and low water use systems.
- Drainage – system design, selection of materials, and installation of basic site drainage to pump collection systems.
- Hardscape/Paving – design, selection of materials, site layout, and installation of multiple forms of hardscape paving from simple concrete, stamped concrete, to complex paver systems, natural and manufactured stone.
- Hardscape/Fireplaces, fire pits, Barbeque Entertainment Centers – design, selection of materials, and installation of simple pre-fabricated units to custom and original “one of a kind” backyard entertainment centers.
- Hardscape/Walls – design, selection of materials, site layout, and installation of simple freestanding to complex retaining walls. Wall materials includes standard CMU block with different stucco finishes, to segmented retaining walls requiring a pervious concrete backfill in place of a geogrid system. Stephen George has been certified by the Concrete Masonry Association for segmented wall installations.
- Horticultural Evaluation & Exterior Landscape Maintenance – review and evaluation of weekly/monthly landscape maintenance of residential and commercial projects.

### ***Work Experience:***

1966-1969	Walter Andersen Nursery * Nursery & Landscape Construction
1969-1971	Presidio Nursery * Landscape Design
1971-1978	Environmental Design & Development * Landscape Design
1978-1980	So. Calif. Landscape Designs * Owner – Landscape Design
1980- now	Landscapes West * – Owner – Design, Build, & Maintain Landscape Contractor

**Stephen George Expert Witness Services**

**Courses and Certifications:**

- Course** Certified Segmented Retaining Wall Installer  
**Certificate** CSRW1
  
- Course** Certified Concrete Paver Installer  
**Certificate** ICPI Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute – Concrete Paver Installer
  
- Course** Specialist Course – Permeable Paver Installation  
**Certificate** ICPI Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute

**Licenses and Certifications:**

C-27 Landscape Construction (#389976 & #961442)

**Memberships:**

- (CLCA) California Landscape Contractors Association
- (FEWA) Forensic Expert Witness Association – San Diego
- (IA) Irrigation Association
- (ISA) International Society of Arboriculture
- (ICPI) Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute
- (NCMA) National Concrete Masonry Association
- (BBB) Better Business Bureau \* A+ rating

**Awards:**

- California Landscape Contractors Association \* Landscape Awards**
  - Residential Design & Build
  - Residential Landscape Construction
  - Commercial Design & Build
  - Commercial Xeriscape & Slope Retention

## **Stephen George Expert Witness Services**

### **Consulting & Expert Witness:**

Alexis Bastedo – Elliott N. Kanter Law Office – San Diego  
Elizabeth Bhuta – Attorney at Law – San Diego  
Grimm, Vranjes & Greer – Mark Vranjes & Stephan Gregory – San Diego  
Gordon & Rees – Brandon Saxon - San Diego & Kevin Whelan – Irvine, CA  
Hurst & Hurst – Julie Corbo Ridley – San Diego  
Russell Kohn – Attorney at Law – Oceanside, CA  
Milstein & Adelman – Mark Milstein – Santa Monica, CA  
Ron Noya - Attorney at Law – San Diego  
Payne & Fears – Dan Livingston & Thomas Vincent, Irvine, CA  
San Diego Fire Lawyers – Michael Feinberg, Gerald Singleton  
Schack Law Group – Alexander Schack, Geoffrey J. Spreter – San Diego  
Su L. Barry – Attorney at Law – San Diego  
Tosdal Smith Seiner & Wax – Thomas Tosdal – San Diego  
Walter Andersen Nursery – Poway and Pacific Highway

### **Hourly Rate:**

Meeting Fee	\$ 200.00 per hour
Site Review & Reports	\$ 200.00 per hour
Deposition	\$ 300.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Arbitration/Mediation	\$ 300.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Mediation Standby	\$ 275.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum
Trial	\$ 300.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Late Cancellation Fee	\$ 300.00 (less than 48 hours advance notice by email)
Travel Time – all services	\$ 200.00 per hour
Travel – Non-vehicle	\$ 100.00 per hour – plus expenses

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