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Areas of Expertise:

Based on more than forty years of design/build construction experience, Stephen George offers expert consultation, evaluation, and witness services in the following areas of construction and personal injury:

Exterior Construction - Stephen George has been a member of the California Landscape Contractors Association, (CLCA) since 1983, has been involved in the landscape industry since 1966, and is still in business as a landscape designer and contractor.

Services - includes litigation support to attorneys for landscape construction defect and maintenance of existing landscape construction systems, as well as personal injury cases within landscape and hardscape installations.

Industry Expert – C-27 Landscape Construction & Maintenance – Approved by the California State License Board.

Industry Standards – Standard of Care & Cost of Repair - consulting, design, installation, and maintenance for residential and commercial exterior construction:

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- ***Landscape*** - responsible for the design, material selection, placement, and maintenance of landscape materials.
- ***Irrigation*** – design, selection of materials, site layout, and installation of simple to complex irrigation systems including, but not limited to valve and clock selection, drip tubing, matched precipitation spray heads, stream rotors, and low water use systems.
- ***Drainage*** – system design, selection of materials, and installation of basic site drainage to pump collection systems for commercial and residential projects. Water intrusion, whether from drainage or irrigation systems is a key part of our expert witness services.
- ***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, Firepits, Barbeque Entertainment Centers*** – design, selection of materials, and installation of simple prefabricated units to custom and original “one of a kind” fireplaces, firepits, and entertainment centers.
- ***Hardscape/Walls*** – design, selection of materials, site layout, and installation of simple freestanding to complex retaining walls. Wall materials include standard CMU block with different stucco finishes, to segmented retaining walls requiring a pervious concrete backfill in place of a geogrid system.
- ***Horticultural Evaluation & Exterior Landscape Maintenance*** – review and evaluation of weekly/monthly landscape maintenance of residential and commercial projects.

Residential Fire & Wildfire Landscape Evaluations – Providing residential fire and wildfire landscape cost to cure for homeowners of the 2003 and 2007 wildfires. We provided detailed presentations of the replacement costs of over 25 fire cases in the San Diego Wildfires of 2007. This included landscape, irrigation, drainage, water features, and hardscape construction systems.

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Work Experience:

1966-1969	Walter Andersen Nursery * Nursery & Landscape Construction
1969-1971	Presidio Nursery * Landscape Design – Glen Asakawa, E. Witness & Bruce Asakawa, Landscape Architect, Radio Host & Garden Book Author.
1971-1982	So. Calif. Landscape Designs * Owner – Landscape Design
1975-1978	Environmental Design & Development – Landscape Design
1980- now	Landscapes West * Owner – Design, Build, & Maintain Landscape Systems.

Courses and Certifications:

Course	Mesa Junior College – Nursery & Landscape Technology
Certificate	Associate Degree
Course	Cal Poly – Landscape Architecture – 1 year
Certificate	None
Course	Certified Segmented Retaining Wall Installer
Certificate	CSRW1
Course	Specialist Course – Permeable Paver Installation
Certificate	ICPI Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute – Permeable Pavers
Course	Certified Concrete Paver Installer
Certificate	ICPI Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute – Concrete Paver Installer
Course	MWEL Mastering Water Efficient Landscapes
Certificate	California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA) & The Metropolitan Water District
Course	Belgard Hardscapes
Certificate	Belgard Authorized Contractor Certificate of Authenticity

Licenses and Certifications:

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

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Memberships:

(CLCA)	California Landscape Contractors Association
(FEWA)	Forensic Expert Witness Assoc. – Education Only
(IA)	Irrigation Association
(ISA)	International Society of Arboriculture
(ICPI)	Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute **
(NCMA)	National Concrete Masonry Association **
(PTCA)	Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego
(CMHA)	** ICPI & NCMA – Has combined both organizations into CMHA – Concrete Masonry & Hardscapes Association

Awards:

California Landscape Contractors Association * Landscape Awards

Residential Design & Build
Residential Landscape Construction
Commercial Design & Build
Commercial Xeriscape & Slope Retention

Expert Witness & Consulting Past Clients:

Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein & Deutsch – Catrina Barnes & Robert Chappell
New York, NY
Adrian Cress Law Office – San Diego, CA
Anastopoulos Law – Camden Hodge, Esq. – Charleston, SC
AZ Injury Law – Dev K. Sethi – Tucson, AZ
Bighorn Law – Nick Andersen – Las Vegas, NV
Bullard, Brown & Beal, LLP – John Roddy – Fullerton, CA
Buchalter – A Prof. Corp. – Brandon M. Carr – San Francisco, CA
Burkhardt & Larson – Phillip Burkhardt – Rancho Santa Fe, CA
Bristol George Law – JD Bristol – Spokane, WA

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past clients continued.

Carlton & Alberola Law – William Crowe – Lake Forest, CA
City of Laguna Beach – Tessa Yutadco – Kutak Rock Law Office – Irvine, CA
City of Torrance, CA – Deputy City Attorney – Jocelyn N. Sarigumba
City of Thousand Oaks, CA – Assistant City Attorney – David Womack
County of San Diego – Tom Deak – Senior Deputy – Office of County Counsel
Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho – Ryan Miller – Riverside, CA
Daley & Heft, LLP – Craig Weeber & Sam Gazzo, Solana Beach, CA
Expert Strategy Group – Julie Olejnik – Las Vegas, NV
Fennemore Dowling Aaron, LLP – Dan Stein – Fresno, CA
Goldberg & Osborne, LLP – Allen Bucknell & Dana Meiers, Phoenix, AZ
Gordon & Rees – Brandon Saxon - San Diego, & Kevin Whelan – Irvine, CA
Grant, Genovese & Baratta, LLP – Arron Kupchella – Irvine, CA
Grimm, Vranjes & Greer – Mark Vranjes & Stephan Gregory – San Diego, CA
Grimm, Vranjes & Greer, Stephan – Gene Kenny – San Diego, CA
Hawkins Parnell & Young – Melanie Smith, Tara Shah – San Diego, CA
Hiden Rott Oertle – Law Office – Matthew Blancato – San Diego, CA
Horton, Oberrecht, Kirkpatrick & Martha – Eydith Kaufman & Nate Michels –
San Diego, CA
Hosp, Gilbert & Bergsten Law – Elvis Horning-Esquivel – Pasadena, CA
Hurst & Hurst – Julie Corbo Ridley & Debra Hurst – San Diego, CA
Kolesar & Leatham – Scott Cook, Las Vegas, NV
Kramer, DeBoer & Keane – Jeff Kramer & Sandy Colin – Woodland Hills, CA
Kutak Rock, LLP – Michael Strickroth & Tessa Yutadco – Irvine, CA
Ladah Law Firm – Ramzy Ladah – Las Vegas, NV
Leighton Law – Max Panoff – Maimi, FL.
Lewis Brisbois – Mary Wyman & Jeffrey Schmid – San Diego, CA
Lewis Brisbois – Jonna Lothyan – San Diego, CA
Lewis Brisbois – Steven Abbott & Sydney Murdock – Las Vegas, NV
Liberty Mutual Insurance – Scott Duncan
Foulger & Peck Attorneys at Law - Jason Peck – Las Vegas, NV
Manning Gross Massenburg LLP – Carrie Lin – San Francisco, CA &
John Hugo – Boston, MA in conjunction with,
Kean Miller, Attorneys at Law – Greg Anding – Baton Rouge, LA
Milstein & Adelman – Mark Milstein – Los Angeles, CA
Nathan Wirtschafter, Esq., Encino, CA

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Patel & Stilwell, LLP – Andrew Stilwell & Alan Smith – San Diego, CA
Payne & Fears – Dan Livingston & Thomas Vincent - Irvine, CA
Peros Law Group – Michael Peros – Placentia, CA
Perry, Johnson, Anderson, Miller & Moskowitz, LLP – Heather-Ann Young
Santa Rosa, CA
Pestotnik Law LLC – Tim Pestotnik & Russ Winslow – San Diego, CA
Ron Noya - Attorney at Law – San Diego, CA
Russell Kohn – Attorney at Law – Oceanside, CA
San Diego Fire Lawyers – Michael Feinberg, Gerald Singleton
Schack Law Group – Alexander Schack – San Diego, CA
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth – Andrew Mason, Jason Anderson –
Newport Beach, CA
Stratton & Green – Sabrina Green – San Diego, CA
Silverstate Forensic, LLC – Hawkins Melendrez – Las Vegas, NV
Su L. Barry – Attorney at Law – San Diego, CA
Sunderland McCutchan Law Office – Angela J. Elpers – San Diego, CA
Thorndal Armstrong – Staci Sellars, Las Vegas, NV
U.S. Attorney’s Office – Henry Bankard, (USACAS) – San Diego, CA
Walter Andersen Nursery – Ken Andersen – Poway, and Walter Andersen
Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA
Washington Legal – JD Bristol – Seattle, WA
Watkins & Letofsky – Las Vegas, NV
Wingert Grebing Brubaker & Juskie – Alan Brubaker – San Diego, CA
Wingert Grebing Brubaker & Juskie – Colin Walshok – San Diego, CA
Wingert Grebing Brubaker & Juskie – Robert Juskie – San Diego, CA

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Hourly Rates:

Meeting Fee	\$ 450.00 per hour
Site Review & Reports	\$ 450.00 per hour
Deposition	\$ 450.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Arbitration/Mediation	\$ 450.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Arbitration/Mediation Standby	\$ 450.00 per hour - 2 hour minimum
Trial	\$ 450.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Late Cancellation Fee	\$ 300.00 per hour – (less than 24 hrs. email)
Travel Time – all services	\$ 400.00 per hour
Per Diem – (Hotel, meals, park.)	\$ 400.00 per night – (except New York & Los Angeles)
Retainer Deposit (local S.D.)	\$4,000.00 to be billed to start case work.
Retainer Deposit (not local)	\$5,000.00 to be billed to start case work.

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