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## Michael Bell

**Name:** Michael Bell

**Law Firm:** La Follette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames

**Location:** Riverside

**Practice Areas:** Motor Vehicle Cases, Medical Malpractice, Premises Liability, Federal Civil Rights, Bad Faith, Civil Rights and Medical Malpractice

**Education:**

- Juris Doctor, Loyola Marymount University, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (1962)
- Bachelor's degree, Loyola Marymount University

**Date Admitted to California State Bar:** 1964

**First Year of ADR experience:**

**Professional Association Membership(s):**

- Member, California State Bar
- Member, Nevada State Bar
- Member, District of Columbia Bar
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates
  - President, San Bernardino-Riverside chapter (YEAR)
  - Diplomate (since 1973)
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Member, San Bernardino County Bar Association
- Member, Riverside County Bar Association
- Panelist, RCBA Dispute Resolution Service, Inc.

**Bar Membership(s):**

- State of California
- State of Nevada (1994)
- District of Columbia
- The U.S. District Courts: Northern, Eastern, Central and Southern Districts of California



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- The U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
- The U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- The U.S. Supreme Court

## **Additional Information:**

Michael Bell joined the Inland Empire office of La Follette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames in 2005. He has been a trial lawyer throughout his professional career. He has tried approximately 200 cases, including: jury trials, non-jury trials and binding arbitrations. Additionally, Bell has tried in excess of 100 civil jury trials, including: numerous motor vehicle cases, many medical malpractice cases, premises liability cases and federal civil rights cases.

Bell began the practice of law in 1964 with Farmers Insurance Group's house counsel law firm, Early, Maslach, Foran & Williams, which was located in Los Angeles. He then started his own firm, Fidler & Bell, that later changed to Fidler, Bell, Orrock & Watase, and then to Bell, Orrock & Watase.

In 1976, Bell opened Fidler & Bell's office in Riverside, Calif., where he remained until joining La Follette Johnson.

Bell is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); he has held the Diplomate rank since 1973 and is a past president of the San Bernardino-Riverside chapter. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the San Bernardino County Bar Association and the Riverside County Bar Association.

Bell has been appellate counsel in cases in both the California Court of Appeal (see *Williams v. Braslow*, (1986) 179 Cal.App.3d 762; 224 Cal.Rptr.895) and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. On one occasion he appeared before The United States Supreme Court in *McLaughlin v. County of Riverside*, 500 U.S. 44 (1991).

Bell is admitted to the California State Bar, the Nevada State Bar, and the District of Columbia Bar. He is also admitted before the United States District Courts for the Northern, the Eastern, the Central and the Southern Districts of California and to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. He is admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and to the United States Supreme Court.