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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 landscape industry since 1966.

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

Industry Expert – C-27 Landscape Construction & Maintenance – 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 provided detailed presentations of the replacement costs of over 20 cases in the San Diego Wildfires of 2007. This includes landscapes, irrigation, drainage, hardscape, water features, and hardscape construction.

Stephen George Expert Witness Services

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

- 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 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, Firepits, Barbeque Entertainment Centers – design, selection of materials, and installation of simple pre-fabricated 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 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.

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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 Systems

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
(PTCA) Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego
(BBB) Better Business Bureau * A+ rating

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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:

Adrian Cress Law Office – San Diego
Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein & Deutsch, LLP – Jacob Gash – New York, NY
Bighorn Law – Nick Andersen – Las Vegas, NV
Bullard, Brown & Beal, LLP – John Roddy – Fullerton, CA
City of Laguna Beach – Tessa Yutadco – Kutak Rock Law Office – Irvine, CA
City of Torrance – Deputy City Attorney – Jocelyn N. Sarigumba
City of Thousand Oaks – Assistant City Attorney – David Womack
County of San Diego – Tom Deak – Senior Deputy – Office of County Counsel
Ellis & Stipp, APLC – Brian Ellis – San Diego & Temecula, CA
Goldberg & Osborne, LLP – Allen Bucknell & Dana Meiers, Phoenix, AZ
Grant, Genovese & Baratta, LLP – Arron Kupchella – Irvine, CA
Grimm, Vranjes & Greer – Mark Vranjes & Stephan Gregory – San Diego
Gordon & Rees – Brandon Saxon - San Diego & Kevin Whelan – Irvine, CA
Hiden Rott Oertle – Law Office – Matthew Blancato – San Diego
Horton, Oberrecht, Kirkpatrick & Martha – Eydith Kaufman – San Diego
Hurst & Hurst – Julie Corbo Ridley & Debra Hurst – San Diego
James MacNair & Associates - Arborist – Glen Ellen, CA
Russell Kohn – Attorney at Law – Oceanside, CA
Kramer, DeBoer & Keane – Jeff Kramer & Sandy Colin – Woodland Hills, CA
Kutak Rock, LLP – Michael Strickroth & Tessa Yutadco – Irvine, CA
Lewis Brisbois – Mary Wyman – San Diego
McCarthy & Beavers – Leda Kalfa – Newport Beach, CA
Milstein & Adelman – Mark Milstein – Los Angeles, CA
Patel & Stilwell, LLP – Andrew Stilwell & Alan Smith – San Diego, CA
Perry, Johnson, Anderson, Miller & Moskowitz, LLP – Heather-Ann Young –
Santa Rosa, CA
Ron Noya - Attorney at Law – San Diego

Stephen George Expert Witness Services
past clients continued

Payne & Fears – Dan Livingston & Thomas Vincent - Irvine, CA
San Diego Fire Lawyers – Michael Feinberg, Gerald Singleton
Schack Law Group – Alexander Schack – San Diego
Su L. Barry – Attorney at Law – San Diego
Sunderland McCutchan Law Office – Angela J. Elpers – San Diego
Walter Andersen Nursery – Poway and Pacific Highway

Hourly Rate:

Meeting Fee	\$ 300.00 per hour
Site Review & Reports	\$ 300.00 per hour
Deposition	\$ 325.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Arbitration/Mediation	\$ 325.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Arbitration/Mediation Standby	\$ 325.00 per hour - 2 hour minimum
Trial	\$ 325.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Late Cancellation Fee	\$ 325.00 per hour – (less than 24 hrs. email)
Travel Time – all services	\$ 300.00 per hour
Travel Time – Non-vehicle	\$ 175.00 per hour – plus expenses
Per Diem – (Hotel, meals, park.)	\$ 300.00 per night

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