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David L. Fleck is a Partner in the Los Angeles office of Manning Kass. He is member of the Governmental Entity Liability Team.

Mr. Fleck received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he competed for the university on its Division 1 Swimming and Diving Team. He earned All American status twice in the 3m Springboard event and won the PAC-10 Championship in the 10m Platform event. He went on to receive his law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

Mr. Fleck is a member of the California State Bar, and he is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in California.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Fleck began his career as an attorney for the United States Customs Service. As a Customs attorney, he provided legal assistance to Special Agents and Inspectors who had the daunting task of enforcing the laws of dozens of federal departments and agencies. Mr. Fleck then moved to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and started handling the whole gamut of misdemeanors and felonies. Four years later, he handled his first major fraud case, which soon blossomed into his primary practice area. Within months, he was known by law enforcement as the "Fraud DA" for North Los Angeles County, and he was soon transferred to the Major Fraud Division, where he focused on real estate fraud cases.

Mr. Fleck left the DA's Office to join a boutique law firm that represented the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which was litigating numerous mortgage fraud cases that arose out of the financial crisis of 2008. Following this, he started his own practice, primarily representing victims of fraud in lawsuits to recover their stolen funds and property. In this capacity, he handled both civil and criminal cases in both state and federal courts. Mr. Fleck also co-founded a company to

develop technology for notaries and title insurance agencies to prevent the forgery of documents such as deeds, powers of attorney, and contracts.

Mr. Fleck teaches the legal module of a four-day, POST-certified class for detectives about real estate fraud investigations, and he was part of the team that developed the curriculum. In addition, he has published a book called *Fraud Investigations 101*, which he wrote as a desk reference for new fraud investigators, who often receive their first “paper cases” without any prior training. Mr. Fleck is also co-chair of the Mortgage Fraud Taskforce of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI).

Although Mr. Fleck no longer dives off springboards or platforms, he is a newly certified scuba diver, and his next goal is skydiving.

## Practice Area

- Governmental Entity Liability

## Admission

- California

## Courts

- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California

## Education

- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, Juris Doctor
- University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations