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“The leading rule for the lawyer, as for the man of every calling, is diligence.”
-Abraham Lincoln.

Stephen prides himself on his hard work, preparation, efficiency, and ability to navigate complex legal issues in order to obtain his clients’ desired results in every individual case.

Mr. Britt believes client relationships are best formed and maintained by determining a client’s interests and potential risks in each unique case at an early stage. Mr. Britt then works in an expedient manner to achieve the client’s desired results, whether it be by negotiating a favorable settlement or through the litigation process.

Mr. Britt defends national lenders and loan servicers in matters relating to lender liability, title claims, wrongful foreclosure, and statutory/regulatory violations. He also handles breach of contract litigation, construction defect, and insurance defense matters. Prior to joining Severson & Werson, he represented medical professionals in criminal, civil, and licensing hearings, and was head of the Motions & Appeals Unit at a local firm, where he drafted and argued motions in both trial and appellate courts alike.

In the past, Mr. Britt served in Sacramento as a Legislative Aide in the California State Assembly, and as a Community Representative for a United States Congressman. During law school, Mr. Britt competed at the University of San Diego National Mock Trial team and was the Senior Associate Editor of the San Diego International Law Journal. Mr. Britt also clerked at the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office in the Family Protection Division, where he assisted with the prosecution of felony domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and murder cases. Mr. Britt volunteered at the San Diego County South Bay Domestic Violence Clinic, helping victims of domestic violence obtain legal protections from their attackers. In 2012, Mr. Britt was honored to receive the Wiley W. Manuel Award for pro bono legal services from the California State Bar.

In his free time, Mr. Britt loves traveling, sports, reading, hiking, scuba diving, spending time with his wife and daughters, and volunteering at his church. Mr. Britt is also a member of the Orange County Bar Association.

Education

- University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 2011
- University of San Diego, B.A., cum laude, 2007

Admissions

- California

Areas of Practice

Banking

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

Construction

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

Financial Services

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Lender Liability Defense](#)
- [Mortgage Banking](#)

Publications

- [California's New Homeowner Law Could Hamper Foreclosures](#)
- [Hyman, S. & Britt, S., Update on California's Debt Collection Licensing Act, Amnesty Legislation, and Proposed Regulations, 76 Conf. on Cons. Fin. Law Quarterly 224 \(2023\)](#)
- [Britt, S.; Kenney, A.; Walser-Jolly, G.; Are You Covered? Behind the Drive to Regulate GAP Waivers, 76 CONF. CONS. FIN. L.Q., pp. 81-92.](#)
- [Stephen Britt Co-Authors Article on "Quarterly Report Impact Analysis"](#)
- [SW Winter 2019 Newsletter](#)
- [SW Summer 2018 Newsletter](#)

Consumer Finance Posts

- [Gov. Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2424, a bill that will expand upon California's Homeowner Bill of Rights](#)