

## ACEC California's Featured Affiliate Firm - Morris Polich & Purdy LLP

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**History of the Firm:** Established in 1969, MPP has developed over the last 40 years into a highly regarded fixture in both the legal and engineering communities. From our original Los Angeles base, the firm has expanded to include offices in Irvine, San Diego and Las Vegas, as well as a San Francisco office which opened in 2009.

### Our Architect & Engineer Law Practice:

- They represent engineers of all disciplines, as well as architects, land surveyors and interior designers.
- MPP's team includes a registered professional engineer, and an architect who is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects.
- They have been the driving force behind several appellate opinions that protect the rights of design professionals, including *Weseloh Family Limited Partnership v. K.L. Wessel Construction*, which limits their legal duties.
- They represent design professional firms of all sizes, including some of the largest engineering and architectural firms in both the region and the nation, such as: AECOM/Boyle Engineering, David Evans and Associates, HDR, HNTB, Jacobs Engineering, URS Corporation, Kimley-Horn & Associates, KPFF Consulting Engineers, MACTEC, Moffatt & Nichol, PSOMAS Engineering, and VTN Engineers.

### Services:

- They litigate and counsel on all types of claims against design professionals, including matters involving residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, as well as public and private contract disputes and worker injuries.
- They advise in the drafting and negotiation of professional service contracts.
- They counsel in risk management practices, from both an overall business perspective as well as with respect to specific projects.
- They regularly conduct loss prevention seminars for industry organizations and individual firms.

**Experience:** MPP's experience includes representation of design professionals in matters involving all types of projects/structures. For example, they obtained a dismissal on behalf of an engineer who was sued by a homeowner for alleged negligence in failing to discover substantial earthquake damage. In a case where a child fell into a water fountain, causing the child's death, the court granted our motion to dismiss on the grounds that the alleged supervisory responsibilities of our client, one of the project design professionals, did not create a duty to prevent the condition that caused the accident. When significant erosion and subsidence occurred as a result of a reservoir project, they defended the engineering firm that designed it, showing that the damage was not caused by faults in the design.