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Areas of Expertise:

Based on more than forty years of design/build construction experience, Stephen George offers 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, has been involved in the landscape industry since 1966, and is still in business as a landscape designer and contractor.

Services - includes litigation support to attorneys for landscape construction defect and maintenance of existing landscape construction systems, as well as personal injury cases within landscape and hardscape installations.

Industry Expert – C-27 Landscape Construction & Maintenance – Approved by the California State License Board.

Residential Fire & Wildfire Landscape Evaluations – Providing residential fire and wildfire landscape cost to cure for homeowners of the 2003 and 2007 wildfires. We provided detailed presentations of the replacement costs of over 25 fire cases in the San Diego Wildfires of 2007. This included landscape, irrigation, drainage, water features, and hardscape construction systems.

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 for commercial and residential projects
- **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 prefabricated 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 – Glen Asakawa, E. Witness
& Bruce Asakawa, Landscape Architect, Radio Host & Garden Book
Author.
1971-1982 So. Calif. Landscape Designs * Owner – Landscape Design
1975-1978 Environmental Design & Development – Landscape Design
1980- now Landscapes West * Owner – Design, Build, & Maintain
Landscape Systems.

Courses and Certifications:

Course Mesa Junior College – Nursery & Landscape Technology
Certificate Associate Degree
Course Cal Poly – Landscape Architecture – 1 year
Certificate None
Course Certified Segmented Retaining Wall Installer
Certificate CSRW1
Course Specialist Course – Permeable Paver Installation
Certificate ICPI Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute – Permeable Pavers
Course Certified Concrete Paver Installer
Certificate ICPI Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute – Concrete Paver
Installer
Course MWEL Mastering Water Efficient Landscapes
Certificate California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA)
& The Metropolitan Water District
Course Belgard Hardscapes
Certificate Belgard Authorized Contractor Certificate of Authenticity

Licenses and Certifications:

C-27 Landscape Construction (#389976 & #961442)

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Memberships:

(CLCA)	California Landscape Contractors Association
(FEWA)	Forensic Expert Witness Association
(IA)	Irrigation Association
(ISA)	International Society of Arboriculture
(ICPI)	Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute
(NCMA)	National Concrete Masonry Association
(PTCA)	Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego
(BBB)	Better Business Bureau * A+ rating

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:

Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein & Deutsch – Catrina Barnes & Robert Chappell
New York, NY
Adrian Cress Law Office – San Diego, CA
Anastopoulos Law – Camden Hodge, Esq. – Charleston, SC
Bighorn Law – Nick Andersen – Las Vegas, NV
Bullard, Brown & Beal, LLP – John Roddy – Fullerton, CA
Burkhardt & Larson – Phillip Burkhardt – Rancho Santa Fe, CA
Carlton & Alberola Law – William Crowe – Lake Forest, CA
City of Laguna Beach – Tessa Yutadco – Kutak Rock Law Office – Irvine, CA
City of Torrance, CA – Deputy City Attorney – Jocelyn N. Sarigumba
City of Thousand Oaks, CA – Assistant City Attorney – David Womack
County of San Diego – Tom Deak – Senior Deputy – Office of County Counsel
Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho – Ryan Miller – Riverside, CA

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past clients continued

Daley & Heft, LLP – Craig Weeber & Sam Gazzo, Solana Beach, CA
Ellis Firm, APLC – Joshua Helm – San Diego, CA
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, CA
Gordon & Rees – Brandon Saxon - San Diego, & Kevin Whelan – Irvine, CA
Hickey & Associates, P.C. – David Hickey & Michelle Copeland – M. Viejo, CA
Hiden Rott Oertle – Law Office – Matthew Blancato – San Diego, CA
Horton, Oberrecht, Kirkpatrick & Martha – Eydith Kaufman & Nate Michels –
San Diego, CA
Hurst & Hurst – Julie Corbo Ridley & Debra Hurst – San Diego, CA
James MacNair & Associates - Arborist – Glen Ellen, CA
Kolesar & Leatham – Scott Cook, Las Vegas, NV
Kramer, DeBoer & Keane – Jeff Kramer & Sandy Colin – Woodland Hills, CA
Kutak Rock, LLP – Michael Strickroth & Tessa Yutadco – Irvine, CA
Lewis Brisbois – Mary Wyman & Jeffrey Schmid – San Diego, CA
Lewis Brisbois – Jonna Lothyan – San Diego, CA
Lewis Brisbois – Steven Abbott & Sydney Murdock – Las Vegas, NV
Manning Gross Massenburg LLP – Carrie Lin – San Francisco, CA &
John Hugo – Boston, MA in conjunction with,
Kean Miller, Attorneys at Law – Greg Anding – Baton Rouge, LA
McCarthy & Beavers – Leda Kalfa – Newport Beach, CA
Milstein & Adelman – Mark Milstein – Los Angeles, CA
Murchinson & Cumming, LLP – Joseph Fox – San Diego, CA
Nathan Wirtschafter, Esq., Encino, CA
Payne & Fears – Dan Livingston & Thomas Vincent - Irvine, 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, CA
Russell Kohn – Attorney at Law – Oceanside, CA
San Diego Fire Lawyers – Michael Feinberg, Gerald Singleton

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Sanchez Law – Steven Sanchez – Bonita, CA
Schack Law Group – Alexander Schack – San Diego, CA
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth – Andrew Mason, Jason Anderson –
Newport Beach, CA
Silverstate Forensic, LLC – Hawkins Melendrez – Las Vegas, NV
Su L. Barry – Attorney at Law – San Diego, CA
Sunderland McCutchan Law Office – Angela J. Elpers – San Diego, CA
U.S. Attorney’s Office – Henry Bankard, (USACAS) – San Diego, CA
Walter Andersen Nursery – Ken Andersen – Poway, and Walter Andersen
Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA
Washington Legal – JD Bristol – Seattle, WA
Wingert Grebing Brubaker & Juskie – Alan Brubaker – San Diego, CA

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Hourly Rates:

Meeting Fee	\$ 350.00 per hour
Site Review & Reports	\$ 350.00 per hour
Deposition	\$ 350.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Arbitration/Mediation	\$ 350.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Arbitration/Mediation Standby	\$ 350.00 per hour - 2 hour minimum
Trial	\$ 350.00 per hour – plus travel & expenses
Late Cancellation Fee	\$ 300.00 per hour – (less than 24 hrs. email)
Travel Time – all services	\$ 300.00 per hour
Travel Time – Non-vehicle	\$ 185.00 per hour – plus expenses
Per Diem – (Hotel, meals, park.)	\$ 350.00 per night – (except New York)

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