

# Michael C. Austin, Esq.

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## Education

**Syracuse University College of Law**, Syracuse, New York

*Juris Doctor*, May 1998

Dean's List: Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Spring 1998

**University of California at Berkeley**, Berkeley, California

*Bachelor of Arts in History*, December 1993

Phi Alpha Delta Honor Society; Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society

Graduated with Honors in 3 ½ years

## Admissions

Admitted in all New York and California State Courts

Admitted in Federal District Court, Northern District of New York and Northern District of California

## Experience

**Galloway, Lucchese, Everson & Picchi**, Walnut Creek, California

Partner, April 1, 2013 – Present.

Associate, October 2004 – March 2013

Medical malpractice defense representing physicians, hospitals, and health care facilities. Responsible for all aspects of discovery, including written discovery, depositions of parties, treating physicians and experts; attendance at settlement conferences; preparation and representation of clients and experts at deposition; attendance at law and motion hearings and conferences, conduct depositions of plaintiffs, expert witnesses, and percipient witnesses; review complaints/pleadings for sufficiency; preparation of responsive pleadings, preparation of motions, trial papers and motions in limine; preparation of written discovery; Defense of physicians and other licensed health care professionals before administrative licensing boards in the context of investigations and disciplinary hearings before the California Medical Board; Evaluation of defensibility and provide recommendations regarding potential settlement value and trial strategy. Co-tried medical malpractice cases to successful defense verdicts.

**Martin, Ganotis, Brown, Mould & Currie, P.C.**, Dewitt, New York

Associate, April 1999 – September 2004

- Practiced exclusively in the defense of physicians, dentists, nurses, and other licensed professionals.
- Independently managed heavy caseload involving nearly every type of malpractice action; settled several multi million dollar lawsuits and obtained successful dismissals of significant actions, often through motion practice.
- Handled professional liability and administrative licensing procedures.
- Experienced in all aspects of personal injury litigation including discovery, depositions, motion practice, and appeals.
- Forged close relationships with physician and medical professional clients and maintained very favorable relationships with insurance carriers.

## Honors

Top Attorneys Rising Stars – Northern California, August 2012