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Bill Hale is a shareholder and former managing shareholder of Mayall, Hurley, Knutsen, Smith and Green in Stockton, California where he has pursued a diverse civil trial and appellate practice since 1975.

Mr. Hale is admitted to the California State Bar and the bars of several Federal courts. He is a long-time member and past director of the Northern California Association of Defense Counsel and an elected member of the American Board of Trial Advocates since 1996. Martindale-Hubbell recognizes Mr. Hale as an AV<sup>®</sup> rated attorney, the highest such rating available to any lawyer.

Although still very much a general litigation practitioner, his practice currently emphasizes plaintiff's personal injury matters, defense of businesses and entities and representing both insurers and insureds in insurance coverage and claims handling litigation and analysis. He has often acted as an arbitrator or mediator in matters ranging from simple automobile liability suits to complex extra-contractual insurance disputes and real estate transactions.

Mr. Hale graduated in 1975 from the King Hall School of Law at the University of California at Davis. Prior to that he received a Bachelors degree (Economics, with honors, 1972), also from U.C. Davis. He has training in mediation of litigated cases with the Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution of Pepperdine University School of Law.

On a personal note, Bill is married and the father of one adult son. He enjoys his friends and family, travel, outdoor activities and motorsports.