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Michael P. Stone, an “A-V” rated lawyer, is the founder and principal partner of Stone Busailah, LLP, of Pasadena and Riverside.<sup>1</sup> He also is the founder of Police Litigation Sciences, Inc. Stone Busailah limits its practice to the representation of federal, state and local law enforcement members, agencies and organizations in civil, criminal, administrative, appellate litigation and labor and employment law in state and federal courts. Michael Stone has practiced in this specialty since 1979. Previously, he was a police supervisor and police attorney, and served in three municipal police departments from 1967 to 1979.

He is General Counsel for the Los Angeles Command Officers Association (Captains, Commanders and Deputy and Assistant Chiefs), for the Riverside Sheriff’s Association, Legal Defense Trust, and a number of other Southern California police organizations. Formerly General Counsel for the Los Angeles Police Protective League, he continues to serve as a panel attorney for the league, PORAC-LDF and the Fraternal Order of Police. He has been teaching for the Center for Criminal Justice Research and Training at California State University at Long Beach for 36 years.

He is an active member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, the Marine Corps University Foundation (Command and Staff College), the Marine Corps Association, the Marines’ Memorial Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police – Legal Officers Section. With expertise in police use of force policy and training, he regularly instructs force trainers for the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department and other agencies, nationwide. He is a faculty member of Americans For Effective Law Enforcement (AELE) and the Labor Relations Information System (LRIS) and lectures in national programs for government counsel and law enforcement executives and officials. He teaches for Harvard Law School I Harvard’s semi-annual “Big-Fifty” leadership program, at the law school.

A POST instructor since 1976, he has been training internal affairs investigators, attorneys, police managers and employee representatives for 36 years for the Center for Criminal Justice Research and Training at California State University, at Long Beach. He successfully defended officers and officials in high-profile cases, including the “PDID Cases” (alleged unlawful intelligence-gathering by officials assigned to LAPD’s Public Disorder Intelligence Division, on politicians, activists and police critics, 1983-1988), the “Hollywood Vice Cases” (alleged Prostitution Enforcement Detail corruption in Hollywood Division – 1985 criminal jury trial and administrative cases), the “39<sup>th</sup> and Dalton Raid Cases” (1988 search-warrant raids on Rollin’ 30’s Crips’ fortified “rock houses” at 39<sup>th</sup> and Dalton, resulted in criminal conspiracy charges against captain, sergeant, and two officers for unnecessary destruction of private property, 1988-1992), all of the “Rodney King” trials (state and federal criminal trials and civil rights damages trial, 1991-1994, following 1991 video-taped beating of Rodney King), the “Rampart CRASH” corruption cases (criminal, civil and administrative prosecutions and investigation of Rampart gang officers, 1999-2004), the “Tracy Watson Cases” (criminal grand jury, administrative and civil rights cases from 1996-2003, following video-taped beating of illegal

immigrants after 80-mile high-speed pursuit), the 1999 “Margaret Mitchell Shooting” (fatal police shooting of homeless woman with shopping cart who attacked officer with screwdriver, 1999-2003); *People v. Daniel Riter*, (murder indictment of District Attorney’s investigator for on-duty shooting during warrant service, 2003); and “The Devin Brown Shooting,” 2005-2007 (LAPD officer shot and killed 13-year-old driver of stolen car at end of pursuit --criminal, civil and administrative cases; LAPD Board of Rights found all 10 shots in policy; officer “not guilty” of using excessive force); “The Butler Street Shooting” (LASD deputies fired 120 rounds on video at driver Winston Hayes at end of pursuit in Compton (2005-2008); and *Hoving v. Hedges* (Chief Deputy’s office bugged and fitted with hidden surveillance camera by Sheriff and Undersheriff– federal civil rights damages case, 2007-2008) and the 2008 "Steven Hirschfield Shooting" (fatal police shooting aboard Harbor Police boat in San Diego Bay (2008-2010); *Tuszynska v. Cunningham* 199 Cal. App. 4th 257 (2011) (holding police legal defense funds engage in First Amendment-protected activities when they select attorneys and fund cases - - renegade panel attorney suing a fund for gender discrimination subject to anti-SLAPP special motion to strike).

He regularly represents individual local, state and federal officers and officials as conflict counsel for the City of Los Angeles (tort, civil rights and employment law), and the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Torts Branch, Washington, D.C. (*Bivens* actions, BOP prison litigation, DEA, ICE, V.A. physicians and surgeons and *Qui Tam* litigation).

He earned diplomas from the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Notre Dame, as Advanced Advocate (1987), Advocacy Teacher (1989) and Master Advocate (1991). He is a Specialist Reserve Officer (LAPD, No. R6236) assigned to the Police Academy.

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