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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.¹ The firm limits its practice to the representation of federal, state and local law enforcement members and agencies in civil, criminal, administrative and appellate matters 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 Police Command Officers Association (Captains, Commanders and Deputy Chiefs), for the Riverside Sheriffs’ Association, Legal Defense Trust, and a number of other Southern California police associations. 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 is an active member of the American Society For Law Enforcement Training (ASLET), 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 (Staff and Command 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.

A POST instructor since 1976, he has been training internal affairs investigators, police managers and employee representatives for 28 years. He 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 “39th and Dalton Raid Cases” (1988 search-warrant raids on Rollin’ 30’s Crips’ fortified “rock houses” at 39th 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); and *People v. Riter*, murder indictment of D.A. investigator for on-duty shooting during warrant service, 2003.

¹ A-V rating means “...the lawyer has reached the height of professional excellence. He or she has usually practiced law for many years, and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity.” Ratings reflect the confidential opinions of lawyers and judges collected by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

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

He is certified by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy at Notre Dame, as Advanced Advocate (1987), Advocacy Teacher (1989) and Master Advocate (1991).