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Admitted to California Bar in June 1987

Additional Bar Memberships: United States District Courts for the Central, Northern and Southern Districts of California, United States Court Of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Employment

Full-Time Lecturer, California State University Dominguez Hills, College of Business Administration and Public Policy, Spring 2019-present. Courses taught include: The Legal Environment of Business (Law 240) The Law of Business Organizations (Law 340) and Employment Law (Law 342)

Part-Time Lecturer of Business Law, California State University Dominguez Hills, College of Business Administration and Public Policy, Spring 2011, Fall 2012-December 2018

Self-Employed Attorney, October 2002- present
Handling civil litigation and simple transactional matters related to contracts, real estate, general business matters, construction, employment with an emphasis on assisting small businesses

Adjunct Professor, Business Division of El Camino College, August 2006-June 2012
Courses taught include: Business Law And The Legal Environment (Law 4), Contracts, Sales & Commercial Paper (Law 5), Torts For Paralegals (Law 14), Evidence For Paralegals (Law 15), Law & Computers (Law 19), Paralegal Seminar (Law 20), California Real Estate Law (RE12A)
Received Certification to teach online using Etudes (July 2010)
Member, El Camino College Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee 2007-2012

Instructor, Cerritos College, Dept of Business & Social Sciences, Fall 2013-Spring 2014
Courses taught include: Business Law (Law 111)

Education

UCLA School Of Law, J.D. May 1985
Princeton University, A.B. June 1982, Politics Major
Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School Of Law, June 2004,
Certificate re completion of course "Mediation: The Art Of Facilitating Settlement"

Professional Experience

Attorney and Litigation Associate:

Familiar with all aspects of general civil litigation with experience in federal and California trial and appellate courts. Handled caseloads from pleading through trial and appellate stages. Argued appeals before the California Court of Appeal and the United States Court Of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Areas of practice included business and commercial litigation, including matters involving construction, real estate, employment, intellectual property, business torts, legal malpractice, franchise issues, insurance bad faith and coverage, New York Stock Exchange industry arbitrations, products liability and California lemon law re motor vehicles. Worked in team environments and independently, and provided supervision to junior associates and paralegals. Prior employers include: *Hamburg, Hanover, Edwards & Martin*, Los Angeles (11/1995-9/2002); *Law Offices Of John D. Hanover*, Beverly Hills (12/1994-11/1995); *Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott*, Los Angeles (1/1991-4/1993); *Alexander, Millner & McGee*, Los Angeles (6/1989-8/1990); *Perona, Langer, La Torraca & Beck*, Long Beach (8/1987-6/1989).

Judicial Law Clerk: to The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam, United States District Judge for the Southern District of California 1985-1986. Additional experience as Extern to The Honorable Terry J. Hatter, Jr. and The Honorable Judith N. Keep of the United States District Court.

Miscellaneous And Pro Bono Activities

- Volunteer for South Bay Bar Association's Pro Bono Clinic since 2003
- Instructor for the Los Angeles Superior Court Civil Lawsuits Basics series which assists the public in representing themselves in court: topics include "Getting Another Party to Answer Questions in Writing (Interrogatories and Requests For Admissions)", "Responding to Requests For Production and Subpoenas", "Vacating Defaults and Setting Aside Mistakes", "Making And Opposing Motions"
- Judge Pro Tem for the Los Angeles Superior Court (1995-2012)
- Mediator for cases litigated in the Los Angeles Superior Court (2004-2008)
- Volunteer for South Bay Bar Association's Pro Bono Clinic since 2003
- Boy Scout Troop 378 merit badge counselor: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Law
- Volunteer for Los Angeles County Bar Association's "Dialogues In Freedom" program
- Free Association Network (FAN) – board positions: President (Spring 2009), Vice President (Fall 2008), Recorder (Fall 2006)

Publications

Galatea Resurrects: A Poetry Engagement #14

<http://galatearesurrection14.blogspot.com/2010/04/poetry-of-law-from-chaucer-to-present.html>
Meredith Caliman reviews [Poetry of the Law: from Chaucer to the Present](#), co-edited by David Kader and Michael Stanford

Speeches

San Fernando Valley Legal Secretaries Association, July 2010, “What Your Attorney Really Wants: How To Be The Perfect Assistant”

Seminars

Institute For Paralegal Education, June 2000, “Effective Legal Writing For Paralegals In California”

San Fernando Valley and Beverly Hills/Century City Legal Secretaries Associations, September 2012, “California Civil Discovery from A to Z”