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SUMMARY OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

1991 graduate of UCLA School of Law with over 25 years of experience practicing before state and federal trial and appellate courts and administrative tribunals, with emphasis on civil litigation in the representation of health care and other professionals before state licensing boards; first party and third party insurance defenses (life, health, disability, and errors and omissions); business litigation (contract disputes, fraud, wrongful termination, unfair competition and *qui tam*), personal injury, and family law.

EDUCATION

- Legal* University of California Los Angeles School of Law, J.D., May 1991
Law Review Staff 1989-90, Editor 1990-91; Moot Court Participant Fall 1990
- Undergraduate* California State University Los Angeles, B.A., *magna cum laude* June 1988
Political Science/Public Administration major
- Certificate* California State University Northridge, The Tseng College, 110 Hour Certificate of Advanced Professional Development with Distinction for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, August 2013

MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; United States District Court, Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of California; Los Angeles County Bar Association (member of Litigation, Labor & Employment Law, and Small Firms sections); Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles; Southern California Mediation Association

EXPERIENCE

Private Practice (2/13 to present): Full service practice in state and federal courts and administrative law settings. Emphases on civil litigation and appeals, professional licensing, family law and mediation.

Domestic Violence Project Volunteer, Los Angeles County Bar Association (3/13 to 3/16): Assist low income individuals in obtaining restraining orders

Voluntary Settlement Conference Officer, Los Angeles Superior Court (9/09 to 04/13): Volunteer as VSC Officer at Northeast (Pasadena) and Central Districts, with goal to settle personal injury disputes. Also acted as volunteer settlement conference officer in "DISPO" program for business disputes (10-21-2014)

Senior Associate Attorney, Green & Associates (6/08 to 2/13): Defense of administrative actions against professional licensees (*e.g.*, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, physical therapists,

chiropractors, veterinarians, and teachers), including administrative hearings and judicial review; white collar criminal defense; and business litigation defense (*qui tam*, wrongful termination defense, unfair business practices). Defense of family law restraining order applications.

Senior Associate Attorney, Parker Mills (6/06 to 6/08): Handled all pre-trial phases of litigation in federal and state legal malpractice and business cases, including: preparation of liability and damage analyses, litigation plans and budgets; drafting pleadings, discovery, law and motion, legal memoranda, trial documents, mediation and arbitration briefs, insurance coverage opinions, and correspondence; appearing at judicial hearings; participation in mediation and arbitrations, negotiation of settlements, and preparation and management of litigation databases and voluminous documentation. Drafted appellate briefs. Conducted in-house MCLE seminars.

Senior Associate Attorney, Jones Hirsch Connors & Bull, P.C. (9/04 to 4/06): Handled all pre-trial phases of litigation in professional malpractice, premises liability, construction defect, clergy sexual abuse, and business cases, including: preparation of liability and damage analyses; drafting pleadings, discovery, law and motion, legal memoranda, trial documents, mediation briefs, and correspondence; conducting depositions; appearing at judicial hearings; participation in mediation; and negotiation of settlements.

Associate Attorney, Galton & Helm LLP (9/98 to 9/04): Handled all pre-trial phases of litigation in federal and state cases involving life and disability insurance (including ERISA and bad faith), unfair business practices, contract disputes, consumer credit, and wrongful termination, including: preparation of liability and damage analyses, litigation plans and budgets; drafting pleadings, discovery, law and motion, legal memoranda, trial documents, mediation and arbitration briefs, and correspondence; conducting and defending depositions; appearing at judicial hearings; participation in mediation and arbitrations (1st chair), and negotiation of settlements. Participated in jury and non-jury trials. Drafted appellate briefs and conducted oral argument. Conducted in-house MCLE seminars.

Associate Attorney, Rosato & Samuels (10/94 to 9/98): Handled all pre-trial phases of litigation in federal and state cases involving life, health and disability insurance (including ERISA and bad faith), employment termination and discrimination, and errors and omissions by managed care organizations, residential treatment centers, attorneys and insurance agents and brokers, including: preparation of liability and damage analyses, litigation plans and budgets; drafting pleadings, discovery, law and motion, legal memoranda, trial documents, mediation briefs, and correspondence; appearing at judicial hearings; participation in mediations, and negotiation of settlements. Participated in jury and non-jury trials. Drafted appellate briefs and conducted oral argument. Conducted in-house MCLE seminars.

Associate Attorney, Law Office of James T. Stroud (4/92 to 7/94): Handled all phases of litigation in federal and state personal injury, business, family law, criminal, and bankruptcy cases, including: drafting pleadings, discovery, law and motion, legal memoranda, trial documents, arbitration and mediation briefs, and correspondence; appearing at judicial hearings; participation in trial, mediation and arbitration, and negotiation of settlements.

Law Clerk/Contract Attorney, Siemon, Larsen & Marsh (9/91 to 4/92): Conducted research and drafted memoranda regarding air quality law; drafted motions, pleadings, trial brief, and discovery and

2nd chaired trial in three interrelated actions involving SLAPP-suit, land use law, and CEQA compliance; drafted position letter regarding preservation of historical property; and drafted speech regarding lender's environmental liability.

Extern, Santa Monica City Attorney's Office (8/90 to 12/90): Conducted research for and drafted memoranda regarding various municipal law issues at request of city departments; drafted pleadings and witness declarations; conducted witness interviews.

Extern, California Court of Appeal, Justice Sheila Prell Sonenshine (5/90 to 8/90): Conducted research and drafted five court opinions regarding dismissals of civil actions for want of prosecution; drafted case summaries regarding constitutional and statutory land use issues, adoption, dependency, and search and seizure; drafted memoranda, and observe appellate oral argument.

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

Daza v. Los Angeles Community College Dist., 247 Cal. App. 4th 260 (2016); *Dickens v. Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 117 Cal. App. 4th 705 (2004); *Wady v. Provident Life and Accident Ins. Co.*, 216 F. Supp. 2d 1060 (C.D. Cal. 2002); *Soltani v. Western & Southern Life Ins. Co.*, 258 F.3d 1038 (9th Cir. 2001); *Cardiner v. Provident Life and Accident Ins. Co.*, 158 F. Supp. 2d 1088 (C.D. Cal. 2001); *Potvin v. Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.*, 22 Cal. 4th 1060 (2000); *Simon v. Value Behavioral Health, Inc.*, 955 F. Supp. 93 (C.D. Cal. 1997), *aff'd*, 208 F.3d 1073 (9th Cir. 2000).

VOLUNTEER WORK

Pasadena Courthouse Power Lunch, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (Feb. 11, 2015 – seminar for high school students regarding careers in law, law enforcement, and courts)

Committee for Judgeship Application Evaluation, Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (Dec. 15, 2014 – participant in WLALA Appointive Office Committee interview of state judicial candidate)

Speaking Engagement, Southern California Coalition of Concerned Legal Professionals (CCLP), Know Your Law: Employee Rights (Feb. 20, 2010 – discussion of procedures for expungement of criminal records for public employee union members).