

John A. Messina, Jr.

Founding Partner, Messina & Hankin, LLP

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Overview:

Litigation attorney with top executive-level, hands on experience as a broker, real estate developer, and mortgage banker who has a lengthy record of experience in the fields of real estate and business, including experience litigating numerous convoluted and difficult cases.

Experience:

Founding Partner

Messina & Hankin LLP

April 2016 - Present

Broad range of litigation experience, including commercial litigation, arbitrations, appeals, international disputes, contract and tort disputes, trade secret, banking, real estate/land use issues, administrative law, licensing issues, employment/labor litigation, and environmental/water rights disputes. Published author and AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (The gold standard in attorney ratings for more than a century).

Founding Partner

Lytton Williams Messina & Hankin LLP

July 2012 – March 2016

Practice focused on complex litigation and arbitration involving business, securities, and real estate.

Associate Judge

Intertribal Court of Southern California ("ICSC")

2009 - Present

Each tribe determines which kinds of cases it will authorize the court to hear. Currently the court hears a very wide variety of cases, including peace and security code violations, environmental issues, conservator issues, contracts, tort claims, family law including ICWA, evictions, enrollment, exclusions, and more. The court hears all evictions for the All Mission Indian Housing Association (AMIHA) and handles cases for several tribes not formally part of the tribal court consortium on a case-by-case basis.

Reserve Captain

Orange County Sheriff's Department

April 2001 t Present

Reserve Deputy Sheriff; Reserve Captain in command of the Reserve Professional Standards Unit. Past assignments include: Uniform Patrol, Warrant Team (entry team member); Cross Deputized as Special Deputy U. S. Marshal assigned to USEPA CID (Joint Task Force); Bike Team; DUI Task Force as Primary Officer; ABC Undercover Assignment; and Auto Theft Reserve Investigator

Partner

Kelly Lytton & Williams LLP
2008 - June 2012

The Firm has developed unique capabilities with respect to the representation of governments and public agencies, and has assisted clients in resolving governmental problems and obtaining billions of dollars in public contracts. The Firm has also represented government and public agencies themselves, including the State of California, the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Honors and Awards:**AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating**

The Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent® rating is the highest possible rating for an attorney for both ethical standards and legal ability. This rating represents the pinnacle of professional excellence. It is achieved only after an attorney has been reviewed and recommended by their peers - members of the bar and the judiciary.

Top Lawyers in San Diego

San Diego Magazine 2013 & 2014

Awarded to Lawyers who have reached the highest level of Ethical Standards and Professional Excellence.

Southern California's Top Rated Lawyers

Los Angeles Times 2012

Awarded to the Firm of Lytton Williams & Messina LLP

AVVO Rating 10.0

2013 and 2014

Highest Possible AVVO Rating. "The AVVO Rating is [AVVO'S] effort to evaluate a professional's background. The rating is calculated using a mathematical model that considers the information shown in a professional's profile, including a professional's years in practice, disciplinary history, professional achievements and industry recognition v all factors that, in [AVVO'S] opinion, are relevant to assessing a professional's qualifications."

Inland Empire Top Lawyers

Inland Empire Magazine
2013 and 2014

All members of the Firm selected as Top Lawyers in the Inland Empire.

Organizations:

Orange County Reserve Peace Officers Association ("OCRPOA")

President

September 2009 to Present

The Orange County Reserve Peace Officers Association (OCRPOA) was formed as a non-profit IRC 501(c) (4) organization for the primary purpose of providing our sworn reserve personnel with legal defense in the event civil or criminal action is brought against them for an incident occurring while acting as Reserve Deputy Sheriffs. <http://ocrpoa.org/>

National Latino Peace Officers Association

General Counsel

1994 to 2004

City of Industry Sheriff's Station Youth Activities League ("YAL")

Member, Board of Directors

October 1994 to Present

The City of Industry Sheriff's Station Youth Activities League (YAL) began in 1991. The concept and goal of the YAL is to be proactive in dealing with the youth of the community. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provides leadership and mentoring for the youth through a variety of programs where the children learn to make life-enhancing decisions free of drugs and gangs. The program recognizes the importance of early intervention and the need to provide alternative activities to prevent negative behavior. The YAL strengthens the relationship between the deputies and the volunteers as they work together to benefit our youth. The YAL is a positive influence on thousands of children. It has united the community through the involvement of law enforcement, parents, businesses, education, government and community service groups. All programs provided by the YAL are free to the children.

Coastal Family Therapy

Board of Directors

August 2002 to Present

Coastal Family Therapy is a non-profit counseling service in Orange County, California. Coastal provides group and individual court-approved programs in alcohol and drug intervention and prevention for adults and adolescents, anger management for adults and adolescents, and co-parenting.

Federal Bar Association

Member/Private Sector

April 2013 to Present

The FBA represents the Federal legal profession. The FBA consists of more than 15,000 federal lawyers, including 1,200 federal judges, who work together to promote the sound administration of justice and integrity, quality and independence of the judiciary.

Southwest Inns of Court

Master of the Bench

August 2013 to Present

As part of the American Inns of Court, the Southwest Inn is designed to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. Members learn side-by-side with the most experienced judges and attorneys in their community. An American Inn of Court is not fraternal order, a social club, a course in continuing legal education, a lecture series, an apprenticeship system, or an adjunct of a school's program. While the Inn partakes of some of each of these concepts, it is quite different in aim, scope, and effect.

Publications:

California Commercial Lease Option Purchase Agreements Line by Line: A Detailed Look at California Commercial Lease Options Purchase Agreement and How to Change Them to Meet Your Needs; Aspatore Books, a Thomson Reuters business June 2009

This how-to guide provides readers with the information necessary to understand the reasons behind those seemingly harmless lease and purchase provisions; discovering creative ways to structure the transaction; learning important negotiating points; and avoiding future litigation.

Some Tax Consequences for Homeowners Seeking Financial Relief, The Real Estate Professional The Real Estate Professional, February 1996, at 74 February 1996 Authors: John A. Messina, Jr. This article is an overview of some of the tax consequences a homeowner may encounter in the short-selling or foreclosure of their personal home. Written in 1995

Obligations and Responsibilities of Officers and Directors of Nonprofit Organizations National Latino Peace Officer Association National Convention Las Vegas, Nevada 1999

Cost Effective Maintenance within Bracket Field Airport: County vs. Private Sector In cooperation with the Facilities Director, Bracket Field Airport, County of Los Angeles 1982

Collection of Fines Imposed in Felony Cases by Judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court Completed at the request of the Honorable J. Stephen Czuleger under the authority of the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles 1993.

Tribute to a Friend CHP Zenith 2000, Volume 45, Number1 / Winter 1998, at 36 1998

Proposed Creation of an Orange County Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Unit Completed at the request of Tony Rackauckas, OC District Attorney, and under the authority of the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department 2002 Authors: John A. Messina, Jr.

Business Formation; Addressing the "What Ifs" Business Formation; Addressing the "What Ifs?" to Avoid Dealing with the "What Now?"

Education:

Southwestern University School of Law

Juris Doctor, 1991 - 1992

SCALE (Southwestern's Conceptual Approach to Legal Education); completed Juris Doctor Degree and passed California Bar in just over 24 months.

University of Redlands

Bachelor of Art *with Distinction*

Business Management, 1982

Don Bosco Technical Institute

Manufacturing Technology, 1969 --- 1974

Activities and Societies:

Varsity Swim Team & Letterman Society; 3 Years

Interests:

SCUBA (PADI Instructor Certification); Biking (Road Bike and Sheriff's Bike Patrol); Woodworking