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EDUCATION

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., 1989.

Moot Court Honors Program, National Jewish Law Students Network.

UC SANTA BARBARA, B.A., 1986, graduated Phi Beta Kappa, with High Honors and Distinction in both the Political Science and French Literature majors.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL, ASSISTANT DEAN OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND BAR SUPPORT, 2013 to present. Courses include mandatory 3L bar skills course and performance test course. Serving on faculty committees for long range planning, assessment, and library & technology. **VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BAR PREPARATION**, 2011-2013.

CONCORD LAW SCHOOL, PROFESSOR OF LAW AND ASSISTANT DEAN OF BAR SUPPORT, 2000-2015. Courses included criminal law, torts, contracts, criminal procedure, community property, remedies, capstone, and legal writing. Directed extracurricular bar support and alumni mentoring programs. Developed and taught practical skills unit embedded in doctrinal course with Los Angeles family court judge.

UWLA SCHOOL OF LAW, PROFESSOR OF LAW, 1998-2003. Courses included corporations, criminal law, criminal procedure, criminal justice, and legal writing. Service for five years on Faculty Senate.

BAR REVIEW, 1992 to present. Courses include nationwide lecturing in remedies, community property, and criminal law and skills workshops. Developed course content and co-authored torts, contracts, and criminal law study guides. Founded first supplemental performance test course with UCLA Law Professor Paul Bergman.

DANNING, GILL, GOULD, DIAMOND & SPECTOR, Century City, CA, 1988-91. Associate attorney in litigation and transactional matters, with focus on trustee and debtor representation in bankruptcy cases.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PREVENTIVE LAW (NCPL), Consultant, 1992-1996. Worked with Louis M. Brown, Esq. and Forrest S. Mosten, Esq. in nonprofit dedicated to client counseling, corporate compliance, and other aspects of preventive law.

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PUBLICATIONS

BAR EXAM PREPARATION DURING LAW SCHOOL: SUBJECT-SPECIFIC TRAINING WITH PERFORMANCE TESTS, (American Bar Association, to be published 2016).

PASS THE BAR: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO ACHIEVING ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL GOALS, (American Bar Association, 2013). Also includes Teacher's Manual.

THE CRIMINAL LAW HANDBOOK: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS, SURVIVE THE SYSTEM, (Nolo.com 14th ed. 2015) co-authored with UCLA Law Professor Paul Bergman.

REPRESENT YOURSELF IN COURT: HOW TO PREPARE AND TRY A WINNING CASE, (Nolo.com 8th ed. 2013) co-authored with UCLA Law Professor Paul Bergman.

Selected conference presentations and articles: Leveraging ASP Resources: Using Alumni to Support Bar Takers, to be published in next *Learning Curve*; "Bar Exam Business Plans," presentation at AASE conference, 2016; Getting Extra Practical Training out of Performance Tests with Spin-Off Exercises, *The Learning Curve*, Summer 2015; The Power Trio of MBEs, Essays, and Performance Tests, *The National Jurist*, February 2015. LAWYERS SUPERVISING LAWYERS, CLE lecture for CA State Bar Section Education Institute, 1994. Integrating Beginning Lawyers into the Business of Law, *Law Practice Management*, ABA, July/August 1993.

BAR ADMISSIONS

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA, admitted December 1989. CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, admitted January 1990. NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, admitted March 1990.

COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

Completed mediation training with **DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES**, 1995.

Fluent in French. Lived abroad and traveled extensively in Western Europe.

Active in leadership roles in wide range of community organizations including:

Congregation Ner Tamid, Palos Verdes CA, Trustee, 2009-2012;
West High PTSA Scholarship & College Fair Chair, 2010-2013;
Bert Lynn Middle School PTSA President, 2009-2010;
South Bay Fine Arts, Volunteer and Program Coordinator, 2005-2009.