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## **EDUCATION**

**George Mason University School of Law**, Arlington, Virginia

Status: Juris Doctor, May 1993  
Class Rank: Top 16%  
Honors: Member, Civil Rights Law Journal  
1992 IOLTA Fellowship Recipient

**Pomona College**, Claremont, California

Bachelor of Arts in Government, December 1985

Senior Thesis: "International Law and The United States' Deportation of Salvadoran Refugees."

Worked part time as librarian and computer center consultant.

**Universitaet Heidelberg**, Heidelberg, Germany (1984-1985)

Studied German Language and Literature, Political Science and History on exchange from Pomona. Gained fluency in German.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, California Bar - December, 1993

Member, Bar of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2001

Member, Bar of the United States Supreme Court, 2002

## **EMPLOYMENT**

June '05-Nov. '05 **Galloway, Lucchese, Everson & Picchi**, Walnut Creek, CA

### **Attorney**

Litigate medical malpractice actions on behalf of doctors, nurses and hospitals. Conduct initial consultation with insureds. Identify, retain and consult with experts on standard of care, causation and damage issues. Summarize medical, employment and other records providing insight into claim. Conduct all aspects of discovery, including depositions of parties and treating physicians. Draft and argue pretrial motions, including demurrers and motions for summary judgment. Make recommendations regarding settlement value, possible ADR and trial strategy. Represent insureds at mediation. Additional litigation experience defending public entities and hospitals in non-medical related personal injury actions.

Jan. '05-May. '05 **Alborg, Veiluva & Epstein**, Walnut Creek, CA

### **Attorney**

Litigate real estate matters involving breach of contract, title insurance claims and failure of title on behalf of title insurers, large commercial developers and private litigants. Organize discovery plan and evaluate damage claim on multi-million dollar claim involving failure of title in purchase of large development property. Draft and argue pretrial motions.

Jan.'94-Dec.'04

**McNamara, Dodge, Ney, Beatty, Slattery & Pfalzer, Walnut Creek, CA  
Attorney**

Represent doctors, nurses and hospitals in diverse medical malpractice actions, including Kaiser arbitrations and State court civil actions. Review medical records with treating medical care providers. Consult with experts on standard of care, causation and damage issues and depose plaintiff's experts. Summarize medical, employment and other records providing insight into claim. Make recommendations regarding settlement value, possible ADR and trial strategy.

Additional experience:

- drafting and arguing demurrers, motions for summary judgment, and appeals in State and Federal court;
- planning and executing detailed, targeted discovery;
- deposing and defending the depositions of parties, percipient and expert witnesses;
- retaining and consulting experts in medicine, economics, vocational rehabilitation, life care planning, real estate transactions, safety and construction;
- mediating and arbitrating cases amenable to ADR;
- negotiating settlements in both formal and informal settings; and
- preparing all aspect of final trial preparation including drafting motions in limine, trial briefs, voir dire and special verdicts.

Additional experience negotiating resolution of civil matters prior to the initiation of litigation, drafting demand letters, tender letters, complaints, verified answers, complex settlement agreements and a petition for writ of certiorari filed with the United States Supreme Court.

Spring 1993

**Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Arlington, Virginia  
Intern, Arlington County**

Assumed responsibility for cases assigned by Deputy Commonwealth Attorneys from general district court criminal docket. Conducted plea bargaining with defense attorneys. Pled the Commonwealth's position on the proper disposition of cases not going to trial. Argued bail motions.

Fall 1992

**United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.  
Legal Assistant, Civil Litigation Division, Claims Court Section**

Researched and wrote memoranda involving government contract and federal employment law. Drafted the Justice Department's position regarding the scope of equitable relief available under new legislation. Summarized facts in complex construction related government contract cases.

Summer 1992  
(Fall 1991)

**Legal Services of Northern Virginia**, Arlington, Virginia

**Legal Assistant, Housing Law Project**

Handled a case load of approximately 10-15 landlord-tenant cases. Researched and wrote memoranda on landlord-tenant issues. Drafted numerous pleadings and motions for both State and Federal court. Wrote demand letters and conducted intake.

## **INTERESTS**

Running, languages (fluent in German, perpetually studying Italian), photography, biking, backpacking, skiing, and traveling.

*References Available Upon Request*