

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Bachelor of Arts, Double Major, University of Southern California (1976)**

**Activities and Societies:** Member Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society, Docent, Museum of Science and Industry (bilingual tours for public schools); Joint Educational Project, Program Assistant, ESL Instructor, LAUSD

#### **Juris Doctor, Loyola University School of Law, Los Angeles (1979)**

**Activities and Societies:** Member, Law Review, Honor Society, Teaching Assistant, Legal Research & Writing; Co-Author, *Recent Developments in Criminal Law & Procedure* (11 Loy. L. Rev (1978).)

### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **General Counsel, Riverside Superior Court/Director of Legal Services Riverside Superior Court, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501 (January 2007 to Present)**

Countywide responsibility for management of judicial staff attorneys in Civil, Family, Probate, Criminal and Appellate Divisions. General Counsel to Presiding Judge, CEO and Bench Officers. Prepare research memoranda, consult and advise Judicial Officers and Court Executive Officer on the most difficult legal issues and court policies. Review and draft local rules. Prepare advisory opinions and comments on proposed rule and legislative changes. Direct and review court litigation. Review, prepare, negotiate and advise on Court contracts. Perform research on special projects as requested by the Presiding Judge or Court Executive Officer. Primary supervisory responsibility for Court's Self-Help, Criminal, ADR and Family Law Facilitator programs. Represent staff, judges, management, and other departments or agencies of the court. Provide CLE to Bench Officers

- Member, Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Branch Contract Manual Working Group.
- Co-Chair of LEXISNEXIS Negotiation Team, Administrative Office of the Courts.
- Member, Domestic Violence Task Force and Self-Represented Oversight Committees.
- Counsel to Judicial Advisory Committees.

**Adjunct Professor of Law, Chapman University School of Law**  
**(August 2013 and continuing)**

**Teach Negotiation Course to second year law students attending the University.**

**Instructor, University of California, Riverside**  
**(August 1984 – Present)**

**Instructor in various business related programs offered at the University. Presently teach Contract Negotiations and Legal Aspects of Purchasing in the Purchasing and Management Certificate Program. Often received highest ratings of all participating faculty.**

**Consultant, (1988 – 2006)**

**Consulted on contract negotiations and commercial transactions for various industries and business, including Standard Pacific Homes, Fleetwood Corporation, Security Pacific National Bank, General Dynamics and Kaiser Steel.**

**Faculty Member, National Business Institute**  
**Eau Claire Wisconsin**  
**(January 2000 – January 2007)**

**Speaker at seminars for NBI, a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider. Seminar for lawyers included subject areas on debtor-creditor relationships, secured transactions in personal property and foreclosure and repossession of real property under California Law.**

**General Counsel, California International, California Packaging**  
**(October 1990 – January 2007)**

**General Counsel for large manufacturing company with facilities in Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Negotiated and organized the establishment of facilities in South America including the arranging of international financing agreements, letters of credit and international credit agreements. Domestic duties included supervision of all corporate legal decisions, contract negotiations, risk management and advisement and trial litigation in both state and federal courts. Authored briefs and appeared before the Utah Supreme Court en banc at oral arguments held annually before the law schools of the University of Utah and BYU. The Court adopted our argument**

that there was an implied warranty of commercial habitability in connection with the lease of certain business premises. (See, 928 P.2d 368 (Utah S.Ct. 1996),)

Partner, Babcock & Cappelli, LLP  
(January 1981 – May 2006)

Partner in AV rated law firm specializing in business litigation, commercial transactions, bankruptcy reorgs, banking law, corporate compliance, loan and credit documentation, secured transactions, real estate and construction, HOAs, contract negotiation, complex business transactions and employment discrimination. Pro Bono representation in Social Security Disability, Probation Revocation, Conservatorships. Pro Bono Mediation and Arbitration of Legal Disputes.

Lecturer, California State University, San Bernardino  
(August 1981 – June 1990)

Lecturer in the Department of Business Administration teaching classes for both undergraduate and graduate students. Most frequently taught class "Legal Environment of Business" required for all upper division students and MBA candidates.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

TOP Lawyers in California (2013). Recently named one of the Top Lawyers in California by American Lawyer Magazine and America Lawyer Media.

Commendation, State Bar of California Board of Governors (1985). Awarded commendation for pro bono services provided to the Public Service Law Corporation in the representation of indigent litigants before the Social Security Administration and the Veterans Administration.

Commendation, State Bar of California Board of Governors (1981). Awarded commendation for service on state bar Committee on the History of the Law in California, wherein committee members designed programs for the development preservation and presentation of significant historical legal events. Of particular import was the development of an oral history program designed to memorialize the wisdom and thoughts of some of California's greatest legal scholars, judges and practitioners.

Member, Loyola Law Review, Los Angeles (1977-1978). Assisted in drafting, editing researching and cite checking of articles presented for publication in the review.

Member Sigma Delta Pi, University of Southern California (1974). Elected member of National Foreign Language Honor Society. Earned a 4.0 grade average on a 4.0 scale for all classes taken in Spanish major.

Magna Cum Laude Graduate, University of Southern California (1976). Graduated with high honors from University completing 14 out of 16 upper division courses in two separate majors with an "A" letter grade, the highest grade then given.

Academic Scholarship Receipient, University of Southern California (1972-1976).

## **LEGAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Author, Riverside County Bar Association, *The Riverside Lawyer*.

Member of Editorial Board. Regular contributor of articles for publication in the Riverside County Bar Journal.

Co-Author, *California Foreclosure and Repossession*© (2003).

Materials prepared for the National Business Institute, Inc., Eau Claire, WI.

Co-Author, *Successful Judgment Collections in California*© (2000).

Materials prepared for the National Business Institute, Inc., Eau Claire, WI.

Author, *Judicial Arbitration and Attorney's Fees: The Arbitrator's Award--A Trap for the Unwary* (1994).

Published in *The Advocate*, the monthly journal for the Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association.

Author, *Creditors Rights and the Bankruptcy Act* (1987).

Presented at seminar of Inland Empire Banker's Association. August 27, 1987.

Co-Author, *Tax Aspects of Small Corporate Liquidations* (1985).

Published in the Riverside Bar Bulletin/Magazine.

**Author, *Preliminary Proceedings--Developments in Criminal Law and Procedure in the Ninth Circuit. 1977: A Survey.***

11 Loy. L. Rev. 867, 907-938 (1978).

## **LITERARY AND THEATER CREDITS**

**Author, *Sacred Crossings* (1991).**

Screenplay in Spanish for Hector Echavaria and Mestasi Productions, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Author, *Fighting Back* (1990).**

Teleplay in Spanish for Hector Echavaria and Mestasi Productions, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Musical Director and Writer, *The Little Engine that Could.***

"Big, Bouncy musical numbers." Los Angeles Times.

## **SPEAKING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Speaker/Presenter Riverside Bar Association, MCLE programs, Veteran's Administration, Numerous Meetings of the Administrative Office of the Courts, California Consumer Lawyers, Southern California Association of Purchasing Agents, numerous Community and Charitable Organizations.