

**LISA LITWILLER**  
**Professor of Law**

**LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

**Law Teaching Experience:**

1998-Present      CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY, DALE E. FOWLER SCHOOL OF LAW  
Professor of Law

**Publications:**

- 1) *A SLAPP in the Face: Why Principles of Federalism Suggest that Federal District Courts Should Stop Turning the Other Cheek*, 1 J. Ct. Innov. 67 (2008).
- 2) *From Exxon to Enron: The Futility of Assessing Punitive Damages Against Corporate Entities*, 57 Rutgers L. Rev. 1 (2005).
- 3) *Why Amendments to Rule 23 Are Not Enough: A Case for the Federalization of Class Actions*, 7 Chap. L. Rev. 201 (2004).
- 5) *Re-Examining Gasperini: Damages Assessments and Standards of Review*, 28 Ohio N.L. Rev. 363 (2002).
- 6) *Has the Supreme Court Sounded the Death Knell for Jury Assessed Punitive Damages? A Critical Re-Examination of the American Jury*, 36 U.S.F.L. Rev. 1 (2002).
- 7) *Defining Constitutional Parameters: The Forced Drugging of Civilly Committed Mental Patients*, 1 SO. CAL. INT. L.J. 57 (1992).

**Courses:** Contracts I and II; Civil Procedure I and II; Advanced Civil Procedure; Advanced Evidence; Professional Responsibility;

**Committees:** Academic Standards (2001-2002) (2004-2005) (2011-2012) (2016-2017) and Chair (2002-2004); Admissions (1999 – 2000) and Chair (2000 – 2001); Appointments (2000 – 2001) (2007-2008); Committee on Teaching Excellence and Scholarship (“COTES”) (2012 -2013); Curriculum Committee (2002-2004); Honor Council (1999 – 2000) (2003-2004) (2004-2005) (2013-2014) and Chair (2000 – 2002); Teaching Effectiveness (1999 – 2000); Library Committee (2015-2016); Long Range Planning (2000-2003); Chair, Rank and Tenure Committee (2007 – 2008); University Senate (2004 - 2006).

## **Litigation Experience:**

- 9/97-6/99      BERGER, KAHN, SHAFTON, MOSS, FIGLER, SIMON & GLADSTONE  
Partner  
Specializing in large, complex case management, with concentrations in insurance coverage actions and general business litigation. Case Management: Supervise all phases of litigation in both federal and state courts; analyze legal and factual issues and develop case strategies, including preparation of discovery plans; take and defend depositions, including expert witness depositions; conduct final trial preparation, including preparing motions *in limine*, jury instructions and voir dire questionnaires. Law and Motion Practice: Draft pleadings and briefs at the trial and appellate levels, including dispositive motions; present oral argument in connection with discovery motions, demurrers, and motions for summary judgment and/or summary adjudication. Settlement Negotiations: Draft mediation briefs and settlement agreements; negotiate settlements with opposing counsel; prepare and deliver settlement presentations before settlement referees. Alternative Dispute Resolution: Conduct all phases of arbitration in accordance with American Arbitration Association guidelines, conduct mediation through Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services.
- 10/91-9/97      O'MELVENY & MYERS, LLP  
Litigation Associate  
Assisted in pre-trial litigation and trial preparation.
- Discovery: Propounded and responded to written discovery; managed large, complex document productions; prepared witnesses; took and defended depositions.
  - Writing and Research: Formulated issues and strategies; perform-led exhaustive research on a wide variety of topics; drafted legal memoranda and briefs.

## **Admission to the Bar**

California, 1991

United States District Court for the Northern, Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California, 1991.

## **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

- 5/86-8/88      Crawford Broadcast Company  
Producer:  
Wrote and produced commercials, worked with clients, sold airtime.
- 1/84-5/86      RKO General, Inc.  
Reporter:  
Conducted live interviews, delivered live newscasts, wrote news copy.

## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Juris Doctor, May 1991

Graduated top 3%

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Executive Notes Editor 1990-1991 and Staff Member 1989-1990, *Computer/Tax Law Journals*

Founding Member, *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*

Team Captain 1990-1991 and Team Member 1989-1990, Jessup International Moot Court Team.

American Jurisprudence Awards: Appellate Advocacy; Business Law; Civil Procedure I and II; Constitutional Law; Contracts I and II; Criminal Law; Evidence; and Pre-Trial Advocacy.

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B.A. Broadcast Journalism, 1985

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Cum Laude

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