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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

***Professor of Academic Achievement and Executive Director of Bar Preparation and Academic Achievement, Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law, 2011-present; Visiting Associate Professor of Academic Achievement and Director of Bar Services, Chapman University School of Law, 2008-2011***

Courses taught:

*Torts II*

*Selected Topics in American Law* (covers legal analysis and essay writing in the following subjects: Civil Procedure, Community Property, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Corporations, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Property, Remedies, Torts, Trusts, Wills);

*Legal Research and Writing;*

*Evidence.*

Programs

*Supplemental Bar Preparation Program* (taught twice each year, December-February and May-July; instruction in essay writing and multistate bar examination preparation and essay critiquing)

Honors: Professor of the Year, Academic Year 2012-13;  
Academic Year 2016-17

***Associate Dean, Professor of Law and Director of the Academic Success Program,  
Whittier Law School, 3333 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626,  
August, 2001 to January, 2007.***

Courses taught:

*Legal Analysis Workshop* (same course now titled “Selected Topics in American Law” at Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law)

*Legal Skills;*

*Law Practice Theory & Economics (Advanced Legal Ethics);*

*Torts;*

*Evidence.*

Honors: Teacher of the Year, Whittier Law School, Academic Year 2005-06

***Adjunct Professor of Law, Whittier Law School, 1999-2001***

Courses taught:

*Legal Skills;*

*Law Practice Theory & Economics (Advanced Legal Ethics)*

***Adjunct Professor of Law, Chapman University School of Law, 1995-1997***

Courses taught:

*Oral Advocacy;*

*Contracts Drafting;*

*Legal Research and Writing;*

*California Civil Procedure*

***Instructor, University of California at Irvine, Paralegal Extension Program, 1985 to 1996***

Courses taught:

*Legal Research and Writing,*

*Advanced Legal Research and Analysis*

***Instructor, California Continuing Education of the Bar, with Tim Hallahan, Law and Motion Practice; Direct and cross-examination techniques; Deposition techniques; various other trial practice courses***

***Teaching Assistant, Legal Advocacy, University of New Mexico, Fall semester, 1978***

#### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

***Chief of Staff and Senior Policy adviser, Orange County Supervisor John M.W. Moorlach, December 2006-February 2010***

#### FACULTY GOVERNANCE

***Faculty Senate, Chapman University, 2014-2016***

***Faculty Governance Council, Chapman University, 2015-2017***

***Chair, Faculty Governance Council, Chapman University, 2016-2017***

***Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Chapman University, 2016-2017***

#### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY:

(Work in Progress)—Co-Author (with Prof. Christine Goodman, Pepperdine University School of Law and the late Prof. Miguel Mendez, Stanford University Law School): “Evidence: The California Code and Federal Rules—A Problem Approach” (Seventh edition--West Publishing Co., expected release date of May 2019).

“We Should Not Rely on Commercial Bar Reviews to Do Our Job: Why Labor-Intensive Comprehensive Bar Examination Preparation Can and Should Be a Part of the Law School Mission,” Chapman University Legal Studies Research Paper Series 15-1, The Social Science Research Network Electronic Paper Collection: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2546001> (2015); Chapman Law Review, Vol. 19, No. 2 (2016).

Lecturer, BarBri California, Evidence (2012-2013)

Author and Lecturer, Aspen Publications’ “Bar Edge” Bar Exam Study Product, in Evidence and Business Associations (2011)

Panelist on Academic Support Program Design, Law School Admission Council National Academic Assistance Workshop, Las Vegas, NV, Summer 2005

Co-Chair, Academic Support Section AALS Program Planning Committee, 2005-06

Keynote Speaker on “It Takes a Village: A Multi-Faceted Approach to Bar Admission,” Joint Program of the Sections on Student Services and Academic Support, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 5, 2005

Contributor to Dennis Tonsing, *1000 Days to the Bar* (William S. Hein & Co. 2003; 2d Ed., 2010)

Panelist on Bar Review Program Design, Law School Admission Council National Academic Assistance Workshop, Ft. Worth, TX, Summer 2003

Faculty Colloquium, *An Evolving Academic Success Program: Calling for a Cooperative Effort Among All Faculty* (Fall 2003)

Mainero & Zemanek, *California Pre-Trial Civil Procedure Practice, Text, Cases and Materials* (©1996)

Various editorials as Contributing Editor to the Law Professors’ Academic Support Blog

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, University of New Mexico, May, 1980

Honors: Order of the Coif  
C.J.S. Outstanding First-Year Student Award  
Moise Prize for Outstanding Scholarship in Legal & Judicial Ethics  
Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi  
Nominated to the American Judicature Society (member since 1980)  
10 American Jurisprudence Awards (Highest Grade in Course)

M.A., Political Science, University of New Mexico, December, 1977  
(G.P.A.: 4.0): Major, American Government; Minor, Research Methodology and Statistics

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Claremont Men's College (now Claremont McKenna College), June, 1975

Honors: Student Body President, 1974-1975  
Academic Affairs Chairman, 1972-1974

## CATHOLIC AFFILIATIONS

"Lawyer of the Year," St. Thomas More Society of Orange County, 2014

Board Member, St. Thomas More Society of Orange County, 2013-present

Faculty Advisor, St. Thomas More Society, Chapman University Fowler School of Law

Vocalist/Musician, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Alameda, NM, 1976-1980;

Parish Council President, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Alameda, NM, 1979-1980;

Vocalist/Musician, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, San Clemente, CA, 1981-1987

Vocalist/Musician, Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Newport Beach, CA, 1987-2002

Lector, Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Newport Beach, CA, 2008-present

#### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Attorney, Law Offices of Mario W. Mainero, Inc., December, 1988 to February 10, 2002.

Associate Attorney, Law Offices of Hunt, Colaw & Roe, Inc., January, 1985 to December, 1988

Associate, Law Offices of Thomas J. O'Keefe, December, 1980 to January, 1985

#### COURT EXPERIENCE:

Judge *Pro Tem*, Mandatory Settlement Conferences, Orange County Superior Court, 1988

Judge *Pro Tem*, Small Claims and Traffic Trials, Orange County Harbor Municipal Court, 1989 to 1991

Settlement Officer, Los Angeles Superior Court, Norwalk, 1989-1992 and Los Angeles (1992-2000)

#### BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to the California Bar, December, 1980

Admitted to the Central and Southern Districts of California (U.S. District Court), 1980-1982

Admitted to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal (April, 1982)

Admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court (April, 1984)

Admitted to the U.S. Tax Court (September, 1982)

#### BAR AFFILIATIONS:

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Orange County Bar Association (Chairman, By-laws Committee, 1988 and 1989)

Member, Judicial Evaluation Committee, Orange County Bar Association, 1988

Grader, California Bar Examination, Summer 1982

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Spanish, Italian