

S A N D R A W. S K A H E N, R.D.H., J.D., LL.M.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alona Cortese Elder Law Center, Chapman University School of Law, 462 North Glassell Street, Orange, CA 714-628-2504 (Summer 2009-Present).

Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor (2010-2013).

Associate Clinical Professor (2013 to 2017).

Clinical Professor (April 2018-Present).

Supervision of certified law students representing clients. Subject areas: elder abuse, protective orders, debt collection, government benefits, housing, conservatorships and guardianships, LPS conservatorships and estate planning. Emphasis on practice management, client interviewing, management and counseling, professional responsibility, conflict resolution, legal research and writing, law and motion, client representation in court and in administrative hearings. Community outreach and presentations. Guardian ad Litem.

Wylie and Betty Aiken Domestic Violence Clinical Instructor-Immigration Section

Visiting Assistant Professor (2012-2013 concurrent with Elder Law Center).

Instruction and supervision of law students representing self-applicants for legal status under VAWA and U-Visa statutes. Interviewing and counseling skills.

Hewitt & O'Neil, LLP, 19900 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 949-798-0500.

Associate Attorney (2006-2009).

Land-use entitlements, agency approvals, mixed-use, housing and infrastructure projects. Conservation easements under CEQA and the ESA, California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Client legal compliance.

Offices of Cornelius Bahan, 1920 Main Street, Irvine CA 949-622-0200 (2004-2005).

Research, legal analysis and drafting of memoranda for medical litigation.

Office of P. J. Hoolihan, 275 S. Main Street, Orange, CA 714-538-1125 (2004).

Transactions, corporate compliance, client intake, research and drafting.

EDUCATION

Chapman University School of Law

Legis Magister, Taxation (2007).

Juris Doctor (2002) Specialty Certificate in Taxation.

Chapman Law Review, Symposium Editor.

Nexus, A Journal of Opinion, Managing Editor.

Loma Linda University School of Dentistry-B.S. Dental Hygiene (1984).

TRAINING and SKILLS

Intermediate Proficiency in Spanish and French languages.
2017-2018 Admissions Committee FSOL
Taking and Defending Depositions MCLE June 2017
OCBA College of Trial Advocacy 36 hour course April 21-May 13, 2017
OCBA Conservatorships 2017-The High Cost of Doing Business in CA Conservatorships
OCBA Elders and Visitation 2017
OCBA Elder Law-Financial Abuse and Senior Protection 2017
OCBA Changing the Estate Plan in Light of a Doctor's Note 2017
OCBA Overview of LPS Conservatorships 2017
Alzheimer's OC-Advance Care Planning Community Instructor Training Certification
Being Mortal Community Screening and Conversation Café Costa Mesa SDA 2017
OCBA Medi-Cal Planning for Long Term Care 2016
OCBA Guardianships: The Child Custody Aspect of Probate Court 2016
OCBA Laura's Law and Assisted Outpatient Treatment 2016
OCBA Surety Bonds, Undertakings and Publication 2016
Orange County Strategic Plan for Aging Member
Orange County Conservator Assistance Group Member
Southern California Clinical Scholarship Workshop UCI School of Law 2016
Being Mortal-Community Screening and Conversation Cafe
Public Interest Law Summer Internship Sponsor and Supervisor (2015).
Orange County Bar Association "Perfecting the Elder Abuse Claim" (2014).ABOTA
Jury Trial Training CUSOL. Eight Judges of the O.C. Civil Jury Panel, on *voir dire*,
opening statements, views from the bench (January 18, 2013).

SERVICE

Curriculum Development-O.C. Hoarding Taskforce started by Judge Kim Hubbard assigning a Guardian ad Litem to elders facing homelessness due to hoarding and receivership. Currently managing 2 clients. (April 2018 to Present).

Curriculum Development- O.C. Mental Health Court (2012-Present). Representation of private LPS Conservators for contested conservatorship hearings and jury trials at invitation of Orange County Counsel for the Public Guardian.

Legal Aid Society of Orange County (2011-Present). Elder law liaison coordinating development of conservatorship clinic for self-representing clients seeking restraining orders in elder abuse matters and conservatorships.

Elder Law Clinic (2011). Developed curricular objectives with measurable outcomes for clinic students by ensuring each student assigned cases in each area of clinic expertise.

Basic Mediation Skills- Center for Conflict Resolution La Sierra University (2011).

Orange County Council on Aging continuing education "Alzheimer's and Sundowning".

Trial Experience-One jury trial and approximately four dozen probate court bench trials.

Newport Harbor High School Student Mentor (2003-Present).

Student Tax Attorney, CUSOL Tax Clinic (2001-2002).

Pre-trial settlement negotiation at the U. S. Tax Court with IRS counsel. Representation of clients in tax matters for innocent spouse claims and offers in compromise.

Tax Externship-Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Laguna Niguel, CA (2001). Trial assistant at U. S. Tax Court, negotiations between counsel and taxpayers. Client intake, witness interviews, and pre-trial meetings with opposing counsel.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“Developments in Elder Law” overview of the Elder Justice Act, and use of elder abuse protective orders in Family Law applications. Newport Harbor Bar Association.

“Elder Abuse Prevention” Jamboree and Mercy Low-Income Housing presentations.

Central Justice Center Self-Help Center volunteer attorney supervising students and assisting elder petitioners and respondents in protective order proceedings.

“How to Prepare for a Contested Conservatorship” Orange County Public Guardian bi-monthly presentation to new private conservators.

“Capacity Issues and Decision-Making for Elders”-U.S. Veteran’s Hospital, Long Beach.

Orange County Bar Association Panel Presentation “LPS Conservatorships from the Private Conservator Standpoint”.

Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day participant.

Probate Court Mediation in Guardianship and Elder Abuse Restraining Order Cases.

AWARDS

2012 California State Senate Certificate of Recognition for High School Mentoring.

2014 District Award of Merit-Boy Scouts of America.

2016 Chapman University Faculty Excellence in Service.

2016 Public Law Center Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services