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PRACTICE AREAS

General Civil Practice, Commercial Litigation, Professional Liability, Personal Injury, Employment/Labor Law, Insurance Bad Faith, Intellectual Property. Approximately 250 cases tried to verdict. Construction Defect; Personal Injury; Automobile Dealership (Consumer Legal Remedies, Unfair Business Practices); Business Litigation; Contract Disputes; Contract negotiations and Mechanic's Liens.

EDUCATION

J.D., Loyola School of Law, B.A., Loras College, M.A. in Humanities (History), California State University, ABT Strans Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School Of Law.

ADMISSIONS

California State Bar, 1969; Illinois State Bar, 1967; United States District Court; United States Supreme Court, 1971.

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE AND SETTLEMENTS

Graduated Cum Laude, Loras College (Distinguished Alumni Award 2014); graduated with Honors, Loyola School of Law; Life Member, The Academic Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; St. Thomas More Society "Lawyer of the Year" 2004, selected by peers as one of "Fifty Orange County Super Lawyers" Los Angeles Magazine, February 2004 and every year since, a designation given to one-half of one percent of Orange County Lawyers; Ethics, Civility and Professionalism Award, 2004, ABOTA; honored as among the 100 (out of 36,000) most influential Lawyers in California (2005) by the Daily Law Journal; Papal Knighthood (EKHSJ) 2005; awarded the Cross of Honour (the highest medal that can be awarded to the laity) by Pope Benedict XVI (2009).

Adjunct Professor, Western State University College of Law (Civil Procedure); Presenter, Inns of Court; frequent lecturer at Orange County Claims Managers Forum, various local colleges, Continuing Education of the Bar classes, and State Bar of California seminars on Insurance Law and Trial Tactics; Presenter, ABOTA "Masters in Trial."

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATION

"Some Thoughts on the Avoidance of Extra-Contractual Damages," Western State University Law Review, Vol. 14, No. 73, 1986; "Metatag Cybertheft", The Orange County Lawyer, Vol. 43, No. 7 (July 2001).

ASSOCIATIONS

Deplomate rank, American Board of Trial Advocates rank of Diplomat (Since 1976); American Bar Association; Orange County and San Francisco Bar Association; Southern California Defense Counsel; Defense Research Institute; International Association of Defense Counsel (Board of Editors, Defense Counsel Journal); Industry Advisory Committee of the National Institute of Forensic Studies; Special Counsel, California Paralyzed Veterans of America; Founding Board of Directors, St. Thomas More Society (Lawyer of the year, 2007); National Wildlife Federation; Sierra Club; The Heritage Foundation; Hillsdale College Benefactor; Wounded Warrior Project; Disabled American Veterans (Commanders Club); Smile Train (Platinum member); Project Hope; Amnesty International; Board of Governors, The Irish American Partnership; Ancient Order of Hibernians; Irish Northern Aid Committee; Habitat for Humanity (Carpenter's Club); Board of Directors, Community Incentives for Teaching Excellence; Board of Directors, Orange County Legal Foundation; Former Board of Governors, Chaminade University; Board of Directors, JESAM (Jesuits of Africa and Madagascar Ministries); Advisory Board, Wells of Life (Uganda water project); American Legion (Life Member), Special Forces Association (Life Member).