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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA, 1980-1983, J.D. 1983; Recipient, Harvard Law School scholarship; Member, *Sociedad Interamericana*; Writer, *Dicta* magazine; Artist, drama society

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, CA, 1976-1980, B.A. 1980; *Magna cum laude*; *Pi Gamma mu*; *Alpha kappa delta*; Highest Honors, Sociology department; Norton Simon Foundation scholarship; Writer, *Satyr* (Daily Bruin supplement); Awarded American Sociological Association fellowship (declined); Awarded Chancellor's Intern fellowship (declined)

EXPERIENCE

THOMAS & THOMAS LLP (formerly Thomas, Walton & Graves; Thomas & Walton), Los Angeles, CA, 2001- 2013; Attorney, civil litigation; Specializing in business litigation, including real estate, contracts, municipal liability, probate, partnerships

WALTER, FINESTONE & RICHTER, Los Angeles, CA, 1998-2001; Attorney, civil litigation; Specializing in business litigation, including contracts, unfair competition, probate, dealership disputes, insurance, partnerships

GAUNTLETT & ASSOCIATES, Irvine, CA, 1997; Attorney, civil litigation; Specializing in insurance coverage, including intellectual property, attorney malpractice

LAW OFFICES OF JOSEPH BROWN, Tarzana, CA, 1996; Trial attorney for specific patent litigation; Planned, analyzed issues for trial, receiving \$3.1 million judgment on cross-complaint, including \$2 million in punitive damages in bench trial

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles, CA 1991-1996; Associate Professor of Law, 1991-1995; Full Professor of Law, 1996; Subjects taught: contracts, remedies, civil rights and civil liberties; Committees: Admissions (Chairman, 1992-1994), Academic Standards; Advisor, Hispanic Law Students Association; Teacher of the Year (Evening Class 1993-1994); Voted Commencement Grand Marshall (1994-1995)

LAWLER, FELIX & HALL, Los Angeles, CA, 1983-1991; Attorney, civil litigation; Specializing in business litigation, including banking law (representing the FSLIC and FDIC), contracts, unfair competition, antitrust, director and officer liability, fraud, employment, trademark; Chairman, Appellate Advocacy Group; Reported decisions, *Chevron v. Bragg*; *T.M. Hylwa v. Palka*; *Bartram v. FDIC*; *FSLIC v. Molinaro* (2 opinions)

PUBLICATIONS *A Precedent Embalms a Principle: The Expansion of the D'Oench Duhme Doctrine*, 43 Catholic University Law Review 746 (1994); *2B or Not 2B*, The Law Teacher 3 (Spring 1995); *The Ploys of Summer: Antitrust, Industrial Distrust, and the Case Against the Salary Cap for Major League Baseball*, 22 Florida State Law Review 827 (1995) (with Professor Cameron); *Reflections on O.J. and the Gas Chamber*, 32 San Diego Law Review 492 (1995)

ACTIVITIES Member, State Bar of California, 1983 to present; Admitted to practice, United States District Court, 1984; United States Court of Appeal (Ninth Circuit), 1987; Member, Law School Admissions Council (Finance and Legal Affairs Committee), 1993-1995; Consultant, Legal Research Network, 1995; Contracts lecturer, Barbri Bar Review, 1995; Testified before the United States Senate (Government Oversight Committee), January 31, 1995, reported in S.HRG 194-37, 21-25, 97-115

PERSONAL Born August 13, 1957, New York City (Manhattan), New York; Father of two sons (Luis and Alec); Hobbies include drawing, painting, electric bass guitar, making amateur video movies, creative writing; References available upon request