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EXPERIENCE

CALIFORNIA MEDIATION GROUP, Los Angeles, CA, Orange County, CA, San Diego, CA

Partner (2012–Present)

- Serve as mediator for a wide variety of civil litigation disputes.

BLANK & DAHL, LLP (FORMERLY LAW OFFICES OF JEFFREY M. BLANK), Newport Beach, CA

Partner (2007–Present)

- Handle all aspects of complex business litigation cases in state and federal courts.
- Negotiate multi-million dollar contracts with major league baseball teams for free agents, arbitration eligible players and drafted players (obtained second highest raise (1008%) for any player in arbitration in 2008).

SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON, LLP, Costa Mesa, CA

Associate, Business Trial Practice Group (2001–2007)

- Handled complex breach of contract, business tort, unfair competition, intellectual property, and eminent domain disputes in state and federal courts.
- Conducted and defended depositions, appeared at hearings, and tried various cases in court and at arbitration.
- Selected to work on numerous high profile cases, including the City of Anaheim's lawsuit against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim related to the team's name change and Cottonwood Christian's Center lawsuit against the City of Cypress related to the taking of its property.
- Negotiated with opposing counsel on settlement issues and draft various settlement agreements, licensing agreements and non-disclosure agreements.
- Served on Recruiting Committee, Associate Issues Committee and as summer associate assignment coordinator.

Published Decisions:

Cottonwood Christian Center v. City of Cypress (C.D. Cal. 2002) 218 F.Supp.2d 1203

Laliberte v. Pacific Mercantile Bank (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 1

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, Newport Beach, CA

Arbitrator (2012-present)

- Serve as member of Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee.
- Serve as arbitrator for fee disputes between attorneys and clients.

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, Los Angeles, CA

Mediator-Member Of Random Select Panel (2012-closure of program in May 2013)

- Mediate unlimited and limited jurisdiction cases, including business disputes and civil rights cases.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS, Inc., Santa Ana, CA

Volunteer Court-Approved Mediator (2011-present)

- Mediate small claims court cases at Harbor Justice Center in Laguna Hills.

UCLA STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES, Los Angeles, CA

Legal Clerk (2000)

- Provided legal advice to UCLA students.

- Negotiated and mediated with creditors, insurance agents and landlords on behalf of UCLA students.

UCLA ATHLETICS, Los Angeles, CA

Baseball Media Relations Director (1994–1998)

- Promoted UCLA baseball team to media outlets.
- Prepared team media guide and daily press releases (1997 Media Guide was recognized as “Best In West” by GTE/CoSida).
- Handled public address announcer duties at all UCLA baseball home games.
- Assisted coaches with scouting.

TEACHING

UC IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Irvine, CA

Lecturer (2013-present)

- Will be teaching Sports Law in the fall of 2013.

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, Mission Viejo, CA

Volunteer Mock Trial Attorney Coach (2011-present)

- Teach rules of evidence and trial procedure.
- Work with students on pretrial arguments, opening statements, closing arguments and witness outlines.
- Guided team to back to back “Elite 8” playoff appearances in 2011 and 2012.

UCLA, COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, Los Angeles, CA

Teaching Assistant (2001)

- Taught four sections of Communication Studies 101 (Freedom of Communication/First Amendment).
- Prepared outlines of course material and study aids for students.
- Tutored students during office hours.
- Graded final exams.

EDUCATION

STRAUS INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION, PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW,
Irvine, CA

Certificate of Completion, Mediating The Litigated Case, 2012

THE LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION, Los Angeles, CA

Certificate of Completion, California Dispute Resolution Programs Act Training, 2011

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2001

- **Outstanding Grades (A+):** Evidence, Insurance Law.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** UCLA Moot Court Spring Honors Program participant; Entertainment Law Review staff member; El Centro Landlord/Tenant Legal Clinic Volunteer.
- **Awards:** Give 35 Award Recipient for pro bono involvement; NCAA/Sears Postgraduate Scholarship Recipient.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, CA

B.A., cum laude, Communication Studies, June 1998

