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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **Loyola Law School, Los Angeles**

Professor of Law July 2014-Present Faculty

Director, Field Placement Department Faculty

Director, Moot Court Program *Primary Duties:*

Teaching: Appellate Advocacy, California Civil Procedure, Negotiations, Ethical Lawyering, Advanced Revision, and Writing, Judicial Process, and Legal Analysis and Writing (on-line), Appellate Practice for the Judicial Clerk, Teaching Assistant Seminar, Directing Loyola's Externship program for a public agency, public interest, and judicial branch placements; Faculty Advisor for Moot Court Programs and Competition Teams, 2006 to Present

Adjunct Professor of Law, 1999 to July 2014;

Dean's Advisory Committee 2015-2016

Faculty Committees, 2014-Present

Member: Advocacy; Curriculum; Professional Skills Committees

Chair: Externships, Clinics, Pro Bono and Public Interest Committee; Advocacy, Clinical Promotions

### **California Court Of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Seven (1997-2015)**

Lead Senior Appellate Attorney

*Primary Duties:*

Legal research and preparation of appellate opinions, orders and bench memorandum in 750 appeals and writ proceedings in criminal, civil, family law, juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency matters.

### **Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judge Pro Tem Panel**

Judge Pro Tem, 2006 to Present

*Primary Duties:*

Presiding as bench officer in small claims and traffic court matters.

### **Los Angeles County Superior Court ADR Program**

Arbitrator (Pro Bono), 1999 to 2014

*Primary Duties:*

Presiding in court-ordered arbitrations in 100 limited jurisdiction civil cases since 1999.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Cont.)**

### **Glendale Community College, Glendale California**

Instructor Political Science Department, 2011 to present

*Primary Duties:*

Teaching Courses: Introduction to Political Science; and California State and Local Government

### **Lorman Education Services**

Instructor on Employment Law, 2000-2002

### **Kirkland & Ellis, Los Angeles; and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Oliver, Los Angeles**

Litigation Associate, 1993 to August 1997

*Primary Duties:*

Law and Motion and Appellate Practice in State and Federal Courts; Mediations; Depositions; Witness Interviews; Trial Preparation; Document Review and Production.

*Practice Areas:*

Business Litigation; Criminal Defense; Contract Disputes; Employment; Securities; Intellectual Property; Products Liability; Construction; Pro Bono Criminal Defense, Insurance Fraud and Immigration.

### **Nevada State Supreme Court**

Judicial Clerkship with Justice Cliff Young, 1992-1993

### **U.S. District Court Eastern District Of California**

Judicial Extern for Judge William B. Shubb, Spring Semester, 1992

### **Los Angeles Unified School District**

66th Street School, South Central Los Angeles,  
Elementary School Teacher, 1988-1989

## **EDUCATION:**

### **University Of California, Davis**

Juris Doctorate, 1992

*Awards/ Activities:*

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American Jurisprudence Awards: Contracts, Remedies & Legal Writing

National Order of the Barristers, National Mock Trial Team

National Moot Court Team, Moot Court Board Competition Chair,

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Legal Research Teaching Assistant

Law Students Association, Class Representative

The Advocate: Law School Newspaper Editor-in-Chief

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**EDUCATION (Cont.):**

**Cambridge University, England**

*Course work:*

International Law, History, Jurisprudence and Litigation; European  
Economic Community Law 1990

**University Of California, Los Angeles**

Bachelor of Arts in History, 1988

*Awards/ Activities:*

Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa  
Phi Gamma Mu, Phi Alpha Theta, Highest Honors in Major  
Chancellor's Marshall, Student Government Positions  
Carey McWilliams Award Best Senior Honors Thesis  
UCLA Theater Department: Roles in six productions  
Playwright, two plays produced at UCLA  
National Award Winner for acting at the American College  
Theater Festival, Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., 1988

**University Du Benin, Togo, West Africa**

*Course work:*

French, West African Economic, Social and Political History;  
Field Study on Voodoo and Indigenous Religions, 1987

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**California State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund Commission:**

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court  
Member: 2017-2021

**Judicial Council of California Access and Fairness Advisory Committee:**

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court  
Member: 2011-2014

**California State Bar Committee on the Administration of Justice:**

Member: 2007-2010

**City of Glendale Audit Committee:**

Appointed by Glendale City Council in February appointed in 2005, Commissioner:  
2005-2007; Chair of Committee: 2007-2011; Second term expired in 2013

**Glendale Unified School District:**

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to oversee the expenditure of bond proceeds  
generated from the 270 million dollar general obligation bond for school construction  
passed in April 2011 by the residents of the Glendale Unified School District:  
Vice Chair of Committee 2011 to 2017

**Glendale Education Foundation:**

Board of Directors: 2011 to 2018

**Glendale Education Foundation, Summer School Inc.:**

Board of Directors: 2012 to 2018

**Glendale Community College Career Education Advisory Committee for the Child Development Department:**

Member: 2008 to Present

**Fremont Elementary School:**

School Site Council, Vice Chair 2011-2013, Chair 2013-2015

Parents & Community for Fremont Foundation Board Member: 2009-2011, President 2012-2015

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

**Los Angeles County Bar Association Board of Trustees:**

Board of Trustees Member 2013-2017

**Los Angeles County Bar Association Bar Foundation:**

Board of Directors: 2002-2005

**Los Angeles County Bar Association Committees:**

Access to Justice; Appellate Courts; Sexual Orientation Bias; Diversity; Professional Responsibility and Ethics; Juvenile Courts Task Force; State Appellate Judicial Evaluation

**Los Angeles County Bar Association Barristers:**

Vice President: 2003-2004;

Barristers Committees: Barristers Executive Board Committee Member: 1999-2004

Chairperson, Equity in the Legal Profession: 2001-2004.

**Italian American Lawyers Association:**

President: 2013

President-Elect: 2012

First Vice President: 2011

Second Vice President: 2010

Recording Secretary: 2009

Board of Governors: 2006 to Present

**Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles:**

Member

**California Women Lawyers:**

Member

**Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators:**

Member

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE:**

**“Yes on Measure S” --- School Facilities Campaign Bond Committee,**

**Glendale Unified School District:**

Vice Chair of Campaign Committee

(Measure S: 70 million dollar school bond measure

passed in April 2011 Glendale municipal elections with 69.9% of the vote)

**“Save Our Schools” Glendale: (K-12 Educational Advocacy Group)**

Founding Member 2010

**Fremont Elementary School PTA:**

Member, 2008 to 2016

**Fremont Elementary School Site Council:**

President, 2013-2015

Member, Elected term 2011-2013

**Crescenta Valley Soccer Club:**

Board Member & Team Manager: GU11 team, 2013-2014, GU12 team, 2014-2015

GU14 team, 2015-2016, GU15 team, 2016-2017

**America Youth Soccer Association (AYSO) Region 88:**

Advanced Referee Candidate, 2011 to Present

**Constitutional Rights Foundation ACE Program:**

Instructor, 2007, 2010

**Glendale Community College Child Development Center Parents’ Advisory Group:**

Co-Chair, 2005-2009 & 2014-2015; Treasurer, 2004-2005

**Los Angeles County Bar Association Blue Car Project:**

Instructor, 1999-2002

**Law Day “Ask A Lawyer:”**

Site Coordinator, 1998

**Meditation Center for the Zen Community:**

Board of Directors, 1999-2003

**LACBA, Dispute Resolution Services:**

Basic Mediation Training Participant (30 hours), 2004

**American Red Cross, Earthquake Preparedness:**

Instructor/Disaster Services Volunteer, 1988-1989

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

California Congress of the PTA “Very Special Person Award” in “recognition of volunteer service to the PTA:” February, 2016

California Congress of the PTA “Honorary Service Award” in “recognition of outstanding service to children and youth:” February, 2013

Burtis E. Taylor Community Education Award, presented by the Glendale Unified School Board to members of the Measure S Committee, June 2011

Certificate of Appreciation from the Judges of the Los Angeles County Superior Court for service as a Temporary Judge and Arbitrator: 2006-2011

Special Recognition Award from the Los Angeles County Bar Association Barristers for “many years of contribution, dedication and leadership to the Barristers, the public, and the legal community at large:” 2004

### **BOOKS, ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS:**

#### **BOOKS:**

Selmi, Dan and Rebecca A. Delfino, *Principles of Appellate Advocacy*, 2nd Ed., Wolters Kluwer, 2021. ISBN: 9781543808896

#### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:**

*A New Prescription for the Opioid Epidemic: 360-Degree Accountability for Pharmaceutical Companies and Their Executives*, 73 HASTINGS L. J. , Issue 2, 101 (forthcoming February 2022); Loyola Law School, Los Angeles Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2021-03, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3797972> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3797972>

*The Prescription Abuse Prevention Act: A New Federal Statute to Criminalize Overprescribing Opioids*, 39 YALE L. & POLY REV. (forthcoming 2021) Available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3535943> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3535943>

*Pornographic Deepfakes: The Case for Federal Criminalization of Revenge Porn’s Next Tragic Act*, 88 FORDHAM L. REV. 887 (2019) Available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3341593>

*The Equal Protection Doctrine in the Age of Trump: The Example of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children*, 84 BROOK. L. REV. 74 (2019) Available at: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3160978](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3160978)

“Prohibition on Successive Prosecutions for the Same Offense —In Search of the ‘Goldilocks Zone’— The California Approach to a National Conundrum,” 54 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 423 (2017) Available at: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2962554](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2962554)

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

*“Frequent Failings and Fatal Flaws in Briefs Filed in The California Court of Appeal,”*  
Journal of Consumer Attorneys Associations of Southern California, December 2008

*“Your First Appeal in a California Court of Appeal,”* article written for LACBA’s website as part of  
“Your First Series” – [www.lacba.org/barristers/yourfirst](http://www.lacba.org/barristers/yourfirst), May 2008

*“Going Beyond Traditional Pro Bono,”* Los Angeles Lawyer, Vol. 27, No.4, June 2004

*“Practice Tips from My Grandmother,”* Los Angeles Lawyer, Vol. 26, No.3, May 2003

*“Making the Most Out of Court-Ordered Arbitration,”* Los Angeles Lawyer, Vol. 25., No.5,  
July/August 2002