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PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP
October 1995 – February
2010

EQUITY PARTNER (2003-2010)/ASSOCIATE (1995-2002)

My practice focused on complex commercial and consumer litigation for clients in both regulated and non-regulated industries, such as consumer electronics, financial services, automobile manufacturing and sales, electric utilities, hotel management, insurance, over-the-counter drugs, and telecommunications. Substantive areas of law included contracts, consumer fraud and product liability class actions, insurance, and telecommunications.

ILLUSTRATIVE PRACTICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Successfully argued in the Ninth Circuit to affirm dismissal of a consumer fraud class action brought against Ford Motor Company alleging various misrepresentations and omissions in the sale of its certified pre-owned vehicles (*Kearns v. Ford Motor Company*, 567 F.3d 1120 (9th Cir. 2009)).
- Won dismissal of a class action in both the trial court and Ninth Circuit that was brought against Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. alleging that it misled consumers about a tax credit offered by the federal government that was available with the purchase of hybrid vehicles.
- Defeated certification of a proposed class of more than one million truck and SUV owners who alleged that Ford Motor Company defectively designed and manufactured the engines in their vehicles.
- Blocked a preliminary injunction that would have required Neutrogena Corp. to recall and re-label sunscreens.
- Litigated, before state regulators and in U.S. District Courts, and negotiated agreements concerning access to local monopoly telecommunication provider networks under provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- Co-author of *amici curiae* brief on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and more than 20 of the country's most populous cities and counties, several states, and many members of Congress in litigation over whether the Census Bureau may use "statistical sampling" to avoid undercounting minorities, children and the poor in the 2000 Census (*Department of Commerce v. House of Representatives.*, 525 U.S. 326 (1999)).

**HON. MANUEL L.
REAL, U.S. DISTRICT
COURT, CENTRAL
DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA
August 1994 –
August 1995**

LAW CLERK

- Drafted bench memoranda with ruling recommendations on civil and criminal matters.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL
LOS ANGELES
JULY 2015 TO PRESENT**

**VISITING ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW
FACULTY ADVISER, CIVIL LITIGATION CONCENTRATION
FACULTY ADVISER, LLM IN AMERICAN LAWS PROGRAM**

Civil Litigation Practice: Two-semester experiential course where students work on a single lawsuit from client intake through pre-trial mediation. Student “associates” use California civil procedure and court rules to prepare pleadings, draft discovery, take depositions, write and argue trial motions, and discuss and execute litigation strategy and tactics.

Ethical Lawyering: A course in the professional ethics expected of a practicing lawyer through examination of the Rules of Professional Conduct of both the American Bar Association and the State Bar of California. This examination of personal and professional ethics is carried out in the context of having students learn and demonstrate the lawyering skills of client interviewing and counselling.

Professional Responsibility in the U.S.: The professional ethics rules component of Ethical Lawyering class (see above) for LLM students.

Legal Research and Writing: Writing course for LLM program. Course objectives are for students to learn the fundamentals of legal analysis and objective legal writing; basic legal research; and to improve writing skills of ESL students.

Legal Research and Writing: First-year legal writing course (two semesters) where JD students learn the fundamentals of legal analysis and objective and persuasive legal writing.

Summer Institute (for JDs and LLMs): This three-week course is intended to provide students a head start in a variety of skills helpful for navigating the concepts, rules, and workload of law school. The skills taught include test taking approaches; adjusting to the analytical method of law school instruction; case reading and briefing; and basic written legal analysis.

**LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL
LOS ANGELES
August 2012 – May 2015**

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Introduction to Negotiations: Using a combination of lectures and simulated exercises, the course focuses on theories of negotiation, ethical considerations, and professional skills acquisition.

Ethical Lawyering: Described above.

Civil Litigation Practice: Described above

Legal Drafting: Course teaching the preparation of litigation related documents, such as complaints, opinion letters, memorandums of points, discovery, and settlement agreements.

**UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW
August 2013 to May 2014**

LECTURER AT LAW

Core Competencies for Litigators: A simulation course that explores the interpersonal communication skills lawyers need to be effective interviewers, councillors, and negotiators. Along with these skills, class lectures include exploration of behavioral economic theories of decision making in the face of uncertainty and the California Rules of Responsibility governing such communications.

Legal Writing and Advocacy: First-year legal writing course (two semesters) where students learn the fundamentals of legal analysis and objective and persuasive legal writing

EDUCATION

**LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL – LOS
ANGELES
(1991-1994)**

JURIS DOCTOR, *Order of the Coif*

- Editor-in-chief of the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*
- Fritz B. Burns Scholar
- Externship, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (as a certified law student prosecuted a jury trial, more than 55 preliminary hearings and numerous evidentiary motions)
- Research assistant to Professor Daniel Selmi
- Published Note and Comment, *Copping an Attitude: Rule of Law Lessons from the Rodney King Incident*, 27 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 675 (1994)

