

David (“Dov”) Fischer

Adjunct Professor of Law

David (“Dov”) Fischer earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science at Columbia University, a graduate degree in American Jewish history at Yeshiva University, and was ordained a Rabbi in 1981. After a decade’s service in the American Orthodox rabbinate, Rabbi Fischer received his Juris Doctor degree in 1993 at UCLA School of Law, where he also was Chief Articles Editor of UCLA Law Review. His Law Review Comment on a federal law affecting directors and officers of depository institutions (published at 39 UCLA L. Rev. 1703) has been cited in at least nine federal judicial opinions, a remarkable and virtually unheard-of honor for a law student. Upon graduating law school, Rabbi Fischer served as federal judicial appeals-court clerk to the Hon. Danny J. Boggs, who rose to Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

After his clerkship, Rabbi Fischer practiced complex business litigation for nearly a decade at three of America’s most premier law firms: Jones Day, Akin Gump, and Baker and Hostetler. During that decade, he practiced both in the United States federal courts and in the state courts on a broad range of case matters, gaining expertise in virtually every subject area of complex civil litigation including labor and employment law, securities litigation, federal government contracts litigation, bankruptcy law, ERISA law, Hague Service Convention and Hague Evidence Convention practice, professional malpractice law, entertainment litigation, federal and state fair-credit-reporting requirements, the filed rate doctrine as it affects carriers on land and rails, insurance bad faith, cybersquatting, commercial lessors’ rights, international contracts, fair-housing litigation, the law of computer role-playing games, federal and state antitrust matters, director and officer liability, defamation and false-light litigation, unfair-business-practices law, and the fuller gamut of advanced torts and classic breach-of-contract case matters. He also has practiced appellate law successfully, authoring the winning brief in *Bierbower v. FHP, Inc.*, 70 Cal. App. 4th 1, 82 Cal. Rptr. 2d 393 (1999).

Among his major complex litigation representations, Rabbi Fischer represented Philip Morris during the California tobacco litigation, overseeing their massive document production effort; and the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick during the Orange County bankruptcy litigation. In addition to representing such other major corporate clients as Samsung, Hughes Aircraft, Experian, KPMG Peat Marwick, the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers NBA basketball team, Albertson’s Stores, Embassy Suites, Spencer Gifts, Cardinal Health, BOC Gases, IHI Danmark, Wet Seal, Bioware (“Baldur’s Gate”), and Occidental Petroleum, Rabbi Fischer also has devoted substantial *pro bono* efforts unique to his background, working to prevent unwarranted autopsies, inducing recalcitrant spouses to grant *Gett*-based Jewish divorces, representing communal rabbinic leaders sued for advocating unpopular but courageous positions, and representing the successful plaintiffs’ class in the nationwide class-action lawsuit brought by the surviving families of Holocaust victims against European insurance companies. He also disappointed his young son when he successfully represented a client named Stan Lee in a cybersquatting defense against an eponymous plaintiff whose colorful literary output his son admired.

He continues to contribute to American legal education today as an Adjunct Professor of Law in Southern California, where he teaches California Civil Procedure, the Law of Complex Torts,

and the Law of Remedies. He continues to practice law, serving Of Counsel at Sitzer Legal Corporation in Orange County, California. In addition, he is a nationally prominent speaker and a widely published columnist and author. He also has been named by three different Governors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an Honorary Kentucky Colonel for contributions he has made to the people and social welfare of that state and served six years during the past decade as a member of the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America.

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