



HON. JOE W. HILBERMAN
Judge of the Superior Court (Ret.)



AWARDS

2009 – 2013 *Daily Journal*, “**Top 50 Neutrals**”
2008 **Jurist of the Year**, American Board of Trial Advocates, Los Angeles Chapter

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

2001 – 2009 **Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles**
Unlimited civil independent calendar trial court
Family Law trial court - Long cause trials, domestic violence, spousal and child support, child custody
Limited jurisdiction civil trial court
Misdemeanor trial court

EDUCATION

2008 Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine, Specialized Mediation
1996 Mediation Training, UCLA Extension Dept. of Business and Management
1973 JD, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
1970 BA, University of California, Los Angeles

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

1996 – 2001 **Fonda Hilberman & Fraser**, Founding Partner.
Civil litigation and mediation, including professional and personal liability, insurance coverage, and risk management issues on behalf of insurance carriers, self-insured businesses, universities and healthcare providers, mediator.
1984 – 1996 **Fonda Garrard Hilberman & Davis**, Senior Partner.
Tort, professional liability and insurance coverage litigation and risk management.
1981 – 1984 **Levinson & Lieberman**, Partner.
General civil practice, specialization in general litigation, real estate title litigation.
1973 – 1981 **Shield & Smith**, Partner.
General civil practice; specialization in litigation. Special expertise in products liability, negligence law and professional liability.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- **Los Angeles County Bar Association**,
 - Litigation Section Executive Committee, 2006-2009
- **American Board of Trial Advocates**, 1990-present.
 - Member, Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Chapter, 2003-present.
 - Secretary, 2005-2008.
 - Standing Committee on Professional Civility, 2005-2015. (Chair, 2005-2006)
 - National Board Representative, Los Angeles Chapter, 2020-2024.
 - Member, Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, 2022-Present.
- **UCLA School of Law Alumni Association**, 1973-present.
 - Board of Directors, 2005-2017; President 2009-2010.
- **UCLA School of Law Mentor Program**, 2000-present.
- **Association of Trial Lawyers of America**, Judicial Fellow, February 2006.
- **Santa Monica Bar Association**, Board of Trustees, 2006-2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Speaker, Dordick Trial College, 2022-2024.**
- **Guest Lecturer, Pepperdine Law School, Mediation, February 2016.**
- **UCLA School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law, 2009.**
- **Guest Lecturer, Pepperdine Law School, Trial Advocacy, February 2007.**
- **Faculty, Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Education Seminar, "Civil Case Management," February 2007.**
- **Guest Lecturer, UCLA "Issues of Domestic Violence in a Family Law Court," "Sex and the Law," November 2006.**
- **Loyola Law School, Adjunct Prof. of Law, "Family Law," Spring & Fall 2005, Fall 2006.**
- **Administrative Office of the Courts, Faculty, Cow County Judges Institute, "Discovery, Law and Motion, and Sanctions," May 2006.**
- **Los Angeles Superior Court, Settlement Skills Education Committee, Instructor, 2005.**
- **UCLA Extension, Paralegal Certificate.**
- **USC School of Medicine, Litigation.**

PUBLICATIONS (PARTIAL LIST)

- **"Mediation Tips Based on Attorneys' Pet Peeves," *Verdict Magazine* (ASCDC), Summer 2012.**
- **"Showing Respect for Mediation, Arbitration and Discovery," *Advocate Magazine*, (CAALA) September 2011.**
- **"Mediation Is Not a Contact Sport," *Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine*, January 2011.**
- **"Winning Your Case Without Going to Court, Successful Mediation Techniques," *Verdict Magazine* (ASCDC), December 2010.**
- **"Not-So-New Kid in Town," *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, September 17, 2010.**
- **"Concern for the environment: Successful mediation techniques for court or private mediation," *Advocate Magazine* (CAALA), September 2010.**
- **"Video Depositions At Trial," *Advocate Magazine* (CAALA), January 2008.**
- **"Tech Savvy," *Verdict Magazine* (ASCDC), Fourth Quarter 2007.**

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (PARTIAL LIST)

- **Speaker, California State Department of Hospitals, 2024**
- **Advanced Mediation Training Speaker, U.S. District Court, 2020**
- **Panelist, "Judicial Perspective on Brain Injuries," TBI Institute, 2019.**
- **Panelist, "Effective Mediation Techniques," California Lawyers Association, 2018.**
- **Presiding Judge, "Masters in Trial," ABOTA, 2016.**
- **Panelist, "Ethics in Mediation," CAALA Las Vegas Seminar, 2011.**
- **Panelist, "Social Media," UCLA School of Law and Association of Corporate Counsel, 2011.**
- **Panelist, "Winning Your Case Without Ever Going to Court: Successful Mediation Techniques for Private Mediation," The State Bar of California 83rd Annual Meeting, Monterey, September 23-26, 2010.**
- **Panelist, "Concern for the Environment: Successful Mediation Techniques for Court or Private Mediation," CAALA Las Vegas Seminar, August 2010.**
- **Panelist, "Civility in Litigation," CAALA Las Vegas Seminar, August 2009.**
- **Panelist, "Civility from the Trench to the Bench: Does it Really Matter?" UCLA School of Law, March 2009.**
- **"Local Rules and Civility," Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, March 2009.**
- **Panelist, "Automobile Litigation," CAALA Las Vegas Seminar, August 2005, 2006, 2008.**
- **Panelist, "Candid Comments," LACBA Litigation Section, June 2008.**
- **Panelist, "Annual Trial Lawyer Skills for the New Attorney," CAALA, March 2008.**
- **MCLE Presenter at more than 40 private law firms.**