



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-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

- **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)

- **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," ABO TA, 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.**