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**JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

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| <b>Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court</b> | 2007 - 2015 |
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- Presided over a Personal Injury Hub court (2.5 years), a Family Law court (3.5 years) and a Misdemeanor Trials and Arraignments Court (1.5 years)
  - Presided over and resolved hundreds of pre-trial and discovery disputes in the Personal Injury Hub court
  - Organized a week long settlement program designed to resolve numerous personal injury cases pending throughout the court system
  - Participated in a similar week-long settlement program designed to resolve a variety of employment-related disputes
  - At the request of other judges, resolved complex business litigation matters, including a highly complex class action legal malpractice matter
  - Member, California Judges Association Ethics Hotline Committee

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

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| <b>Partner, Trial and Litigation Attorney, Mitchell Silberberg &amp; Knupp LLP</b> | 1988-2007 |
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- Partner at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp for almost twenty years, with a practice consisting of complex business litigation involving a wide variety of sophisticated business contract/tort, securities, and employment-related cases. Tried jury and non-jury cases in both state and federal courts and argued appeals in both court systems and was involved in a number of mediations and arbitrations
  - Tried a number of jury cases in state and federal courts, including the first “reverse bad faith” case in a fidelity insurance claim; a wrongful discharge/whistleblower case involving the termination of a company’s “employee of the year”; a medical malpractice case involving malignant hyperthermia; an action for wrongful discharge/retaliation/breach of implied contract; and a multi-million dollar action, alleging fraud/breach of contract/breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the rights of first refusal upon sale of a subsidiary
  - Defended against hostile takeover attempt of Fortune 200 company involving securities and common law claims; defended one of the largest oil and gas companies in suit alleging violation of preferential purchase rights
  - Elected to Management Committee of the firm
  - Served as the firm’s Ethics Committee Chair and as its General Counsel for several years
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| <b>Partner, Phillips Nizer Benjamin Krim &amp; Ballon</b>                                | 1985-1988 |
| <b>Partner, Weinbach &amp; Greene</b>  | 1984-1985 |
| <b>Partner, Elia Weinbach, A Law Corporation</b>   | 1979-1984 |
| <b>Associate, Gang Tyre &amp; Brown</b>  | 1978-1979 |
| <b>Assistant United States Attorney, Criminal Division, Eastern District of New York</b> | 1975-1978 |
| <b>Trial Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. (antitrust)</b>            | 1972-1975 |

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## PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

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- **Attorney Settlement Officer**, United States District Court, Central District  
Recognized in 2001 as the “Attorney Settlement Officer of the Year” -- settled the most cases district-wide in the largest United States district in the country
- **Southern California Super Lawyer**, Super Lawyers Magazine

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## EDUCATION

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Harvard Law School, J.D.	1972
Fulbright Scholar, Merton College, Oxford University	1967-1969
New York University, B.A., <i>cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa, highest honors in History	1967

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## PUBLICATIONS AND TEACHING

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- Editorial Consultant, *California Unfair Competition and Business Torts* (Matthew Bender Practice Guide, 2004)
- Co-Author, “Protection of Trade Secrets and Confidential Business Information in the Internet Age: A Brief Overview”, Chapter in *Corporate Raiding, 2000: Handling, Preventing, and Litigating the Theft of Corporate Employees and Information* (Practicing Law Institute, 2000)
- Co-Author, “Contorts”, Chapter in *Business Torts Litigation* (American Bar Association, 1992)
- Contributing Columnist on Trial Strategy, Los Angeles Daily Journal, 1989-1990
- Frequent lecturer on trial preparation, evidence, and ethics to corporations, corporate law departments, and bar associations
- Panelist and creator of number of programs for judges while in Family Law and Personal Injury assignments
- Speaker, Practicing Law Institute, American Bar Association
- Served as television commentator during the Rodney King trial

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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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American Bar Association – Co-Chair, Committee on Corporate Counsel, Section of Litigation  
United States Magistrate Judge Selection Committee Panel, Central District of California  
Los Angeles County Bar Association – Lawyer Delegate to the California State Bar Conference  
Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference – Lawyer Delegate  
Federal Criminal Indigent Defense Panel, Central District of California  
L.A. Concerned Lawyers for Soviet Jewry – Co-Chair

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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- Business and Corporate Litigation
- Professional Malpractice (Legal/Medical/Accounting)
- Family Law
- Antitrust
- Employment
- Products Liability
- Catastrophic Personal Injury
- Securities

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## PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT

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- To read and analyze submissions of all parties
- To evaluate the positions of all parties
- To facilitate resolution of all disputes