### **RESUME**

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### **EDUCATION**

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Graduate: Washington High School

Fremont, CA 1966

Graduate: San Francisco State University

San Francisco, CA, 1971

Graduate: Lincoln Law University

San Jose, CA, 1976

Admitted to Practice: December 11, 1976

Certification: Certified Family Law Specialist, October 18, 1985

Certificate in Conflict and Peacemaking, Fresno Pacific University—in progress (pending application, 40 graduate units completed; GPA 4.0); 16 years mediation experience, 625 hours of face to face mediation.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

**November, 1981 to Present**: Attorney-partnership in general practice of law with major emphasis in family, juvenile, employment, and estate planning law. Certified Specialist in Family Law since 1985; substantial appellate work in family and juvenile, and employment areas, published decisions attached.

Instructor, College of the Sequoias; Family Law, Interviewing.

Adjunct Professor, Fresno State University Extension, Spring, 1990, "Laws Relating to Minors".

Representation of DPSS-Child Protective Services 1982-1984; WI 300 and CC232 appeals representing natural parents and minors.

Adjunct Professor, Fresno Pacific University, 2002-2007

Practice has included mediation for the past 10 years.

April 1979 to November, 1981: Attorney - sole practitioner in general practice of law.

April 1977 to April 1979: Attorney for Tulare County Legal Service Association exclusively in the civil practice of law. Emphasis included the areas of government benefits (Welfare, Social Security, UIB, DIB, etc.), real estate, and consumer law, as well as other general civil litigation. Involved in "impact litigation" relating to public transportation and general relief.

September 1974 to March, 1977: Eligibility Work Trainer for Santa Clara County. Duties included development and revision of training programs such as the County's Aid to Families with Dependent Children Handbook. Interprets state and federal materials, including court decisions, in order to conduct written and oral presentations to eligibility workers and supervisors. Conducts training sessions in areas such as workload management, interviewing techniques, including fair employment hiring practices, data processing, and various eligibility programs. Working knowledge of Social Security Act, California Welfare and Institutions Code, welfare law, immigration law, Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, Child Support Division procedures, welfare fraud investigations, and trust agreement. Supervises and trains 700-800 eligibility workers and supervisors on a continuing training basis.

<u>January 1974 to September, 1974</u>: Pre-trial Release Specialist for Santa Clara County. Duties included determination of defendant's potential for release on his "own recognizance," knowledge of jail procedures, criminal records, California Penal Code, and California Vehicle Code. Worked with judges, attorneys and police officers.

#### MEMBERSHIPS, LICENSES, ETC.

Member and licensed to practice State Bar of California - 71748

Admitted to practice Federal District Court, Eastern and Northern Districts of California;

1985 Certified as Family Law Specialist;

Member, Tulare County Bar Association; Board of Directors and Treasurer, 1980; Secretary, 1985, 1986; Second Vice-President, 1987. President, 1989 to 1990.

Member, Family Law Section of the Tulare County Bar Association; Chairperson, 1997,1998;

Member, Association of Conflict Resolution, national and local chapter. Presenter 2008, "Leveling the playing field in Domestic Violence Mediation"

Member, Tulare County Women Lawyers; Treasurer, 1996, 1997, 1998, Moderated presentations on "Use of Medical Evidence in Proving Child Abuse" and "Workplace Violence".

Member, Association of Certified Family Law Specialists;

Member, Tulare-Kings County Estate Planning Council; Secretary, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997; 1998; 1999;

### 2000-present

Referee Pro-Tem of Juvenile Court, 1985-present; Commissioner pro tem, as requested; Tulare County Superior Court Arbitration Panel, as requested; Mediator, family law and sexual harassment; appointed discovery referee by Superior Court in a school district/employee discrimination case; appointed by Juvenile and Superior Courts to represent minors and conservatees regarding issues of life support and dementia; Conflict resolution training; Reconciliation counseling, mediation; and Mediation training including peer mediation and relationship/reconciliation training.

Hearing Officer, Tulare County Employees' Retirement Association, Kings County Employees' Retirement Association

California Community College Teacher's Credential, Life-Law

Professor, Fresno Pacific University, Introduction to Alternate Dispute Resolution

Trainer, Conflict Resolution and Relationships Workshops, Tulare County Health and Human Services Living Skills Program, 2001-2004

Completed 40 hours of specialized Advanced Mediation training (beyond the Master's Course work) in Personal Injury (non-auto), September 7-20, 2007 sponsored by Fresno Better Business Bureau, Fresno Pacific University, San Joaquin College of Law, Fresno County Superior Court

Completed 40 hours of specialized Advanced Mediation training (beyond the Master's Course work) in Personal Injury Auto, November 2-16, 2007 sponsored by Fresno Better Business Bureau, Fresno Pacific University, San Joaquin College of Law, Fresno County Superior Court

## References and transcripts provided on request.

#### PUBLISHED DECISIONS IN WHICH I PARTICIPATED:

1. <u>In re MARK V.</u>, No. F004218, Court of Appeals of California, Fifth Appellate District, 177 Cal.App.3d 754; 225 Cal.Rptr. 460, January 31, 1986, Appellant's Petition for review by the Supreme Court was denied May 7, 1986. Reynoso, J., was of the opinion that the Petition should be granted.

Attorney for Minor - affirmed.

2. <u>In re VENITA L.</u>, No. F006760, Court of Appeals of California, Fifth Appellate District, 191 Cal.App.3d 1229; 236 Cal.Rptr. 859, May 12, 1987, certified for partial publication - pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 976.1, this opinion is certified for publication with the exception of parts I through V. A petition for rehearing was denied June 2, 1987, and the petitions of Respondent Stanislaus County Department of Human Services and the Minor for review by the Supreme Court were denied August 12, 1987. Mosk, J., was of the opinion that the petitions should be granted.

Attorney for Appellant -reversed.

3. <u>In re KATHLEEN, W.</u>, No. F006971, Court of Appeals of California, Fifth Appellate District, 190 Cal.App.3d 68; 235 Cal.Rptr. 205, March 10, 1987.

Attorney for Appellant - reversed.

4. <u>In re TERRY E.</u>, No. F005862, Court of Appeals of California, Fifth Appellate District, 180 Cal.App.3d 932; 225 Cal.Rptr. 803, May 9, 1986, Respondent's petition for review by the Supreme Court was denied July 24, 1986.

Attorney for Appellant - reversed.

5. <u>Guzman vs. Visalia Community Bank</u>, No. F026588, Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District (1999), 71 Cal App 4\*1370

Attorney for Plaintiff - Order denying Appellant's motion to enforce Respondent's Section 998 offer to compromise is reversed.