



HON. JOE W. HILBERMAN

Judge of the Superior Court (Ret.)

AWARDS

- 2009 – 2011 *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 **AB, 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

- **State Bar of California**
- **Los Angeles County Bar Association**,
 - Litigation Section Executive Committee, 2006-2009
- **Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles**
- **Italian-American Bar Association**
- **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-present. (Chair, 2005-2006)
- **UCLA School of Law Alumni Association**, 1973-present.
 - Board of Directors, 2005-present; President 2009-2010.
- **UCLA School of Law Mentor Program**, 2000-present.

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- **Association of Trial Lawyers of America**, Judicial Fellow, February 2006.
- **Santa Monica Bar Association**, Board of Trustees, 2006-2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **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)

- **"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)

- **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.
- **Moderator, Civil Bench Seminar, "Developments in Contracts,"** February 2007.
- **MCLE Presenter at more than 40 private law firms.**