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#### CERTIFIED FAMILY LAW SPECIALIST

The State Bar of California  
Board of Legal Specialization  
Since 1996

#### EDUCATION

**Boalt Hall, School of Law**, University of California, Berkeley, California  
Juris Doctorate --May 1990

**San Francisco State University**, San Francisco, California  
B.A. in Journalism, Magna Cum Laude -- January 1981

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/AFFILIATIONS

**Member, Executive Committee**  
Family Law Section, State Bar of California  
October 1997 to 2000

**Officer**  
Bar Association of San Francisco's Family Law Section  
*Section Chair* 2004 to 2006  
*Vice Chair* 2004  
*Secretary* 2003

**Chairman**  
Family Law Section Standing Committee on Property (North)  
State Bar of California  
1994 to 1996

**Legislative Liaison**

Family Law Section Standing Committee on Property (North)  
State Bar of California  
1992 - 1994

## LEGAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Family Law Attorney Mentor**

Justice and Diversity Center (formerly, Volunteer Legal Services Program)  
Bar Association of San Francisco  
2005 to present

**Arbitrator**

Bar Association of San Francisco,  
Attorneys' Fee Arbitration Panel  
1994 to present

**Bench/Bar Settlement Panelist**

Marin Superior Court  
1996 to present

**Settlement Panelist (Family Law)**

San Francisco Superior Court  
1996 to present

## SEMINARS, MCLE PRESENTATIONS

**MCLE Program**

Trial Practice -- Cross Examination  
Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys (Northern California)  
May 2014

**MCLE Program**

How to Get Immediate Orders – Motions Practice Part I and Part II  
Practicing Law Institute  
February 2013

**Program Presenter**

Appraisers as Experts in Family Law Litigation  
American Society of Appraisers, Northern California/Nevada Chapter  
April 2011

**MCLE Program**

Discovery (Family Law)  
BASF Family Law Barristers  
2003

**Program Presenter**

Premarital Agreements  
San Francisco Family Law Mentoring Group  
May 2001

**MCLE Program**

Family Law Business Valuation, State Bar of California  
Continuing Legal Education Institute, Monterey, California  
June 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Editor

*The Family Law News* (Pub. Family Law Section, State Bar of California) -- 1999-2000

Article, Witnesses Tell the Story, 21 *ABA Family Advocate* 22  
(co-author Carroll J. Collins, Esq.)

Comment, In re Marriage of Ilas (Appropriate Economic Analysis),  
*California Family Law Monthly* -- April 1993

Article, Broadening the Definition of Income in the Context of Spousal Support  
15 *Family Law News*, No. 4

Co-Editor in Chief

*Industrial Relations Law Journal*, Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, CA -- 1989-1990

HONORS

Rated **AV Preeminent** (peer ratings) by Martindale Hubble since first rating.

**Northern California Super Lawyer**<sup>TM</sup> -- Family Law, since program's inception.

One of **Ten Leaders**<sup>TM</sup> -- Matrimonial and Divorce Law in San Francisco, California

## AFFILIATIONS

### **Family Law Section Member**

American Bar Association; State Bar of California; Bar Association of San Francisco;  
Alameda County Family Law Section  
1991 to present