## **EDUCATION**

# PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, STRAUS INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION, MALIBU

Certification, Mediating the Litigated Case (Settled all mock disputes), 2009

CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION, Master Mediation Training and Certification from Kenneth Cloke

#### LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

Certification, in Bench Conduct and Demeanor; Judicial Ethics for Temporary Judges; Small Claims Procedures and Practices, 2009

#### LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES

Juris Doctor, 2000, Rank: Top 25% (Top 10% first year) / Honors: Dean's Honor List; St. Thomas More Law Honor Society Faculty Academic Honors Scholarship (1997-2000): Awarded and renewable on the basis of grades.

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Bachelor of Science, Criminology, Law and Society, 1997

Minor in Political Science 1997, G.P.A.: 3.65

Honors: Dean's Honor List; Golden Key Honor Society

**Activities**: Teacher Assistant for "Intro to Criminology, Law and Society;" Guest speaker on KUCI political radio show; Secretary General of Model United Nations Club, including organizing 500 student conference; Essay published in "UCI Guide to Writing."

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

#### SOCAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER, Los Angeles and Orange County, CA

January 2008-Current

Principal: Founder and principal of full service dispute resolution firm. Learn more at www.socaldrc.com.

#### HAMZEH LAW GROUP, INC., Los Angeles and Orange County, CA

May 2007 - Current

Principal: Founder and Principal of full service law firm. Learn more at www.hamzehlaw.com.

#### TRI POLE CORP., Los Angeles, CA

**January 2004 – April 2007** 

General Counsel: Litigation counsel of software development and computer network installation company; handled legal affairs, including tax issues and four multi-million dollar matters involving software disputes containing a variety of claims; participated in all phases of litigation, sat second chair in nine-day trial and received unanimous defense verdict awarding no damages of the millions sought; provided legal counseling and participated in six month trial resulting in a \$19 million jury verdict.

### COHEN & LORD, PC, Century City, CA

June 2006 - August 2006

<u>Associate</u>: Participated in all phases of litigation, including handling of discovery, drafting various motions and managing cases involving construction defect, insurance disputes and breach of contract disputes; participated in client development.

## QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART OLIVER & HEDGES, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

**Sept. 2000 – January 2004** 

Associate: Participated in all phases of litigation, including drafting pleadings and motions, discovery process (took and defended numerous depositions), and trial preparation; including NITA Trial Training Program (won mock trial); prosecuted ten cases for the Pasadena Prosecutors Office (defendant found guilty by jury verdict in one case and defendants pleaded guilty in five cases).

#### JUDGE STEPHEN REINHARDT

# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT

January 2000 - May 2000

<u>Extern</u>: Assisted in preparation of decisions and bench memoranda; researched, reviewed, and cite-checked decisions; prepared significant portion of <u>Ma v. Reno</u> decision, published at 208 F.3d 815 (2000).

# PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER, Los Angeles, CA

May 1999 - August 1999

<u>Summer Associate</u>: Split summer working with the Corporate and Litigation Departments. Litigation: assisted at trial, prepared several research memoranda; prepared article published in firm newsletter regarding recent treatment of letters of credit. Corporate: Prepared various agreements, including operating agreement for an LLC, and a trademark license agreement; assisted in IPO.

#### CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, Los Angeles, CA

June 1998 - August 1998

Health, Education, and Welfare Department

Law Clerk: Prepared memoranda regarding federal and state issues, including freedom of speech and due process claims.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

- · American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California: Board-member
- ACCESS CALIFORNIA: Board member. ACCESS provides a variety of social services to indigent people.
- Mediators Beyond Borders: Member of Mid-East Peace Initiative to teach Israelis and Arabs to mediate their disputes.
- Languages: Working knowledge of Arabic and French.