

## **EDUCATION**

**Thomas Jefferson School of Law**, San Diego, California  
Juris Doctor, December 1998

**University of Redlands**, Redlands, California  
Bachelor of Science in Business and Management, June 1995

## **ADMISSIONS**

**State Bar of California**, 2002  
**Southern District of California**, 2003  
**Northern District of California**, 2003  
**Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**, 2007

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

**San Diego County Bar Association [Former]**  
**California Appellate Defense Counsel [Former]**  
**California Public Defenders Association**  
**Consumer Attorneys of San Diego [Former]**  
**Panel Member San Diego County Department of Child Support Services - Criminal Contempt**  
**Panel Member San Diego County Lawyer Referral Service - Criminal Misdemeanors [Inactive]**  
**Panel Member San Diego County Modest Means Program - Family Law [Inactive]**

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Sierra Law Center, APC, Criminal Defense, Personal Injury, Civil Law - Truckee, California**  
*President and Principal Attorney*, January 2003 – Present

Focusing on criminal defense and civil law. Represented accused, including indigent defendants, in all aspects of criminal law, including murder charges, attempted murder, vehicular homicide, aggravated mayhem, kidnaping, assault with a deadly weapon with GBI enhancement, domestic violence, drug offenses, sexual offenders, theft, robbery, gun possession charges, DUI, contempt actions, expungement and reduction motions. Drafted and argued motions to suppress, demurrers, Pitchess motions, in limine motions, motions to dismiss, sentencing memorandums, Romero motions, motions to withdraw guilty pleas and motions to correct custody credits. Have also prepared and argued Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Petitions for Writ of Mandate. Represented individuals in defending and prosecuting contempt actions in the family courts. Assisted individuals in divorce, child visitation, child custody, child support, support modifications, paternity actions and the division of community property. Represented clients involved in child support disputes with the Department of Child Support Services. Represented clients in complex state and federal civil litigation, including personal injury, Multi-Species Conservation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, breach of contract, fraud, fraudulent transfer, intentional infliction of emotional distress, conversion, patent, trademark and copyright infringement actions. Represented clients on appeal in the Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division One, and the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit.

**Lassen County Public Defenders Office, Criminal Defense**  
*Assistant Public Defender*, December 2011 - May 2016

Represented indigent defendants, in all aspects of criminal law, including vehicular homicide, attempted murder, aggravated mayhem, kidnaping, assault with a deadly weapon with GBI enhancement, domestic violence, drug offenses, sexual offenders, theft, robbery, gun possession charges, DUI, and reduction motions. Drafted and argued motions to suppress, demurrers, in limine motions, motions to dismiss, sentencing memorandums, and motions to correct custody credits. Have also prepared and argued Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

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**Yuba County Public Defenders Office, Criminal Defense**

*Felony Deputy Public Defender, July 2007 - July 2009*

Represented indigent defendants in all aspects of criminal law, including at trial, on attempted murder, aggravated mayhem, kidnaping, rape, forced oral copulation, assault with a deadly weapon with GBI enhancement, arson, domestic violence, drug offenses, sexual offenders, theft, robbery, gun possession charges, drunk driving charges and probation violation hearings. Drafted and argued motions to suppress, Pitchess motions, Romero motions, in limine motions, motions to dismiss, motions to reduce pursuant to penal code §17(b), sentencing memorandums and motions to withdraw guilty pleas.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**United States Navy**

*Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator, September 1988 – July 1993*

In flight aircrew responsible for coordinating tactical missions on suspected enemy submarines and surface ships. Supervised and trained flight crew members. Received the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal for service during Operation Desert Storm.

**TRIALS - ARBITRATIONS - PRELIMINARY HEARINGS - MOTIONS**

I have conducted, through verdict, twenty-seven felony jury trials, seven misdemeanor jury trials, one felony bench trial, one misdemeanor bench trial, six family law bench trials, and one civil bench trial. I had a misdemeanor 1118.1 motion granted at the close of the prosecution's case in chief resulting in complete dismissal. I have represented clients in numerous civil settlement conferences and have conducted through completion three arbitrations. I also have extensive experience in handling preliminary hearings and motions to suppress.

**CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- 2015 Death Penalty Defense Seminar, sponsored by CACJ & CPDA, 19.0 hours, recent development in Capital Case Defense, issues with traumatic brain injuries, issues in dealing with trauma, discovery issues in capital cases, discussions regarding mental health experts, using technology in capital cases, dealing with informant and co-defendant capital cases, litigating forensic science issues in capital cases, mental health issues in capital cases.
- 2013 Death Penalty Defense Seminar, sponsored by CACJ & CPDA, 21.25 hours, recent development in Capital Case Defense, crime scene reconstruction, discovery issues in capital cases, advanced forensic pathology, capital case motion practice, dealing with co-defendant capital cases, litigating forensic science issues in capital cases, mental health issues in capital cases.
- 2010 Homicide Defense Seminar, sponsored by CPDA, Sacramento, California, 8.5 hours, recent developments in homicide law, developing your theme from voir dire to closing argument, fighting the NGI case, deciphering and using autopsy reports, extreme trial tools, tackling difficult issues in child homicides and other cases, voir dire in homicide cases, mental defenses in homicide cases.
- 2008 Homicide Defense Seminar, sponsored by CPDA, Sacramento, California, 9.5 hours, recent developments in homicide law, cold hit DNA cases, handling juvenile homicide cases in adult court, creative discovery in homicide cases, innovative jury selection techniques, infant death cases, defending gang homicide cases, vehicular homicide cases, mental defenses in homicide cases.
- 2008 Defending Domestic Violence Cases, sponsored by CPDA, Sacramento, California, 5.0 hours, common character & credibility issues, witness preparation & cross-examination, domestic partner battering, jury selection, immigration consequences.