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Principal Attorney & Mediator



LICENSES HELD

Licensed Attorney - State of California, December 1985 - Present

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

Certified Legal Specialist, Family Law (CLS-F*), 2002 - Present
State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

BAR ADMISSIONS

1985 State Bar of California

HONORS & AWARDS

AV Rated (highest rating), Martindale-Hubbell, 2004 to Present

San Diego Magazine Top Family Law Attorney, 2014 - 2019

San Diego Super Lawyers®, 2008 - 2012, 2013 (Nominee), 2014 - 2022

San Diego Daily Transcript Top Attorney in Family Law, 2007 - 2012, 2013 (Nominee), 2014, 2015 (2015 last year given)

San Diego Daily Transcript, "Transcript Ten" 2009

DEGREES AND EDUCATION

1985 Juris Doctor
University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA

1982 B.A. Political Science, Minor in Psychology
Magna Cum Laude
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2000 - Present Principal Attorney, Mediator, Owner & Co-Founder
ABC Family Law & Mediation Center, San Diego (Bankers Hill), CA

Highly accomplished and award winning Certified Family Law Specialist* with over 37 years of experience. Provides mediation (50%) and litigation (50%) Family Legal services to the San Diego community. Manages a law firm of seven staff supporting clients with legal separation, divorce, child custody, child and spousal support, move-aways, parenting plans, modifications, and other family law legal services.

1987 - 2000 First Female Partner
Hillyer & Irwin, Greater San Diego Area

Associate attorney, then partner, focused on civil litigation including business, construction and real estate disputes. Successful in convincing a diverse group of over 20 men to elect her the firm's first woman partner in its 81-year history.

*Certified Family Law Specialist, State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

PRO BONO AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

San Diego County Bar Association, Member, 1985 - Present

San Diego County Family Law Bar Association, Member, 1985 – Present

Lawyers Club of San Diego, Member, 1988 - Present

Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel, San Diego Family Law Bar Association, 2022 - Present

Family Law Settlement Attorney, County of San Diego Superior Court, 2022 - Present

San Diego County Bar Association Family Law Section, Member, Executive Committee,

Certified Family Law Specialists, 2002

Lawyers Club of San Diego, Vice President, 1999 - 2000

Lawyers Club of San Diego, Board, 1997 - 2000

PUBLICATIONS

"How I Got 100 Client Referrals in Six Months," Lawyers Club Newsletter, December 1998 and January 1999

SPEAKING

"What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Family Law" (MCLE accredited), free workshop to local San Diego law firms, 2008 - Present