

MARC D. ADELMAN BIOGRAPHY

Marc D. Adelman is a former President of the State Bar of California, the largest legal regulatory agency in the world. The organization provides oversight for California's 250,000 attorneys with a budget over \$146 million dollars. He was also elected to serve as President of the San Diego County Bar Association in 1989 and was recently honored by the association by being selected as one of the "Legends of the San Diego County Bar". In addition, he is the principal of his prominent San Diego law firm, where he has gained an excellent reputation over the last 39 years as a skilled, diverse and versatile litigator in the fields of Personal Injury, Insurance, Professional Negligence, Estate and Tort litigation. He is certified as a specialist in Legal Malpractice Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization. His clients consist of insurance companies, major corporations, charitable institutions, small businesses and individuals. In addition, for the last 20 years he has served as a lecturer and Adjunct Professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, California Western and Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He also serves or has served as a panel member of the American Arbitration Association, Kaiser Permanente Neutral Arbitration Program, and the Superior Court's Probate Mediation and Arbitration Programs. He also serves as an expert witness, consultant and lecturer on the appropriate standards of care for solo and small firm practitioners in Legal Malpractice actions. In addition, he has served as a Mediator for the Probate Department of the San Diego Superior Court for the last 25 years hearing matter involving Fraud, Undue Influence and Mental capacity issues.

Mr. Adelman has received numerous awards and honors during his 39 year legal career in San Diego. He was named San Diego's **Legal Professional of the Year** in 1985 and 1999 by the San Diego County Bar Association. He received the prestigious **Bernard Witkin Award** presented by The Law Library Justice Foundation and was chosen Honorary Chairman of the 1998 **Lawyers Have Heart** 5K race sponsored by the American Heart Association and the San Diego County Bar Association. In 1985 he was named one of San Diego's **Citizens of the Year** by the San Diego Jr. Chamber of Commerce. He has also been inducted into the Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Hall of Fame. In addition, he has received numerous service-related awards from the San Diego County Bar Association, American Lung Association, American Heart Association and the Parent Teacher Association.

From 1992 through 2005, the Superior Court for the County of San Diego utilized Mr. Adelman as a Superior Court Hearing Officer where he conducted Certification and Mediation Hearings. He also served as a Judge Pro Tem for that same and Municipal Courts, having done so since 1981, presiding over Criminal Preliminary Hearings, Traffic and Civil matters. The Court of Appeal, Fourth District affirmed his rulings in Wickware v. Tanner (1997) 53 Cal.App.4th 570, an appeal from a Superior Court jury trial over which he presided.

Prior to his election to the post of President of the State Bar, he served as Vice President and Chair of the Committee on Regulation and Discipline, which oversees responsibility for the attorney discipline system in California. In 1995, he chaired the State Bar's Legal Committee, which provides management for their litigation matters.

In 1989, he served as President of the San Diego County Bar Association, the year their impressive Bar facility was purchased by their Association. That same year he founded the statewide organization of the California Association of Local Bars and directed the implementation of the Civil Litigation Code of Conduct of the San Diego County Bar Association. Mr. Adelman has, or is, currently serving on seven different community and state nonprofit and charitable boards. He has successfully designed major fund-raising campaigns in both legal and nonprofit settings. In 1990, he co-designed and implemented the fund-raising drive which raised more than \$1.1 million for the San Diego County Bar Association's new facility.

For nearly 30 years he produced and moderated for the Judges of the Federal and Superior Courts of San Diego County a two-day program for new attorneys entitled The Judges' Orientation Program/Bridging the Gap. In 1997 he created and implemented, at eight different statewide locations, the Allen J. Broussard Presentation on Professionalism and Civility jointly sponsored by the Supreme Court of California, the Judicial Council and The State Bar of California.

Born July 16, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Adelman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Western Illinois University; Macomb, Illinois, 1972. He received his J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, California, and was admitted to the California Bar in 1978.