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Derek K. Aberle '96

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U.S. District Court
San Diego, CA

Hon. David J. Danielsen '77

Presiding Judge
San Diego Superior Court
San Diego, CA

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Partner
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Susan M. Hack '89

Partner
Higgs, Fletcher & Mack LLP
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John L. Morrell '84

Chairman and Managing Partner
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San Diego, CA

Todd F. Stevens '88

Partner
Keeney, Waite & Stevens
San Diego, CA

Nominator

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Scott Martinez '06

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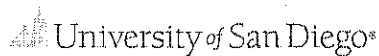
Derek K. Aberle '96

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Aberle serves on the law school's Board of Visitors.

Aberle has contributed \$11,270 to the law school.



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USD Law Alumnus Derek Aberle '96 (JD) Named President of Qualcomm Incorporated

The School

Monday, March 10, 2014

About the School of Law

SAN DIEGO (March 10, 2014) – Today, Qualcomm Incorporated (NASDAQ: QCOM) announced its new president, University of San Diego (USD) School of Law alumnus Derek Aberle, '96 (JD).

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Aberle previously served as executive vice president of Qualcomm Incorporated and group president. In his new role, he will have oversight for all business divisions across the organization as well as the company's global market development and marketing groups. Aberle will also continue to formulate and drive key strategies for diversifying and growing the company in both our core businesses as well as new business opportunities. He will report to Steve Mollenkopf, chief executive officer of Qualcomm Incorporated.

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"Derek has been instrumental in creating and growing many important areas of Qualcomm's business over the past 13 years, including our licensing business, and our wireless charging, display, platforms and services businesses," said Mollenkopf. "Under his leadership, Qualcomm Technology Licensing has more than doubled its revenues and profits, completed key license agreement extensions, successfully defended challenges to our business model and established Qualcomm's 4G licensing program. I'm looking forward to working closely with Derek as we lead the next chapter of growth and success for Qualcomm."

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Aberle holds a bachelor's degree in business economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and holds a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he graduated *magna cum laude*.

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Career and Professional Development

About Qualcomm Incorporated

Qualcomm Incorporated (NASDAQ: QCOM) is a world leader in 3G, 4G and next-generation wireless technologies. Qualcomm Incorporated includes Qualcomm's licensing business, QTL, and the vast majority of its patent portfolio. Qualcomm Technologies, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Qualcomm Incorporated, operates, along with its subsidiaries, substantially all of Qualcomm's engineering, research and development functions, and substantially all of its products and services businesses, including its semiconductor business, QCT. For more than 25 years, Qualcomm ideas and inventions have driven the evolution of digital communications, linking people everywhere more closely to information, entertainment and each other.

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About the University of San Diego School of Law

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Derek Aberle '96 (JD)



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Hon. Larry A. Burns '79

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Burns has participated in two alumni events and most recently attended the 2007 San Diego Alumni Reception.

Burns has contributed \$900 to the law school.

Larry Alan Burns

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Larry Alan Burns (born 1954) is a United States federal judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

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Early life and education

Born in Pasadena, California, Burns received a B.A. from Point Loma College in 1976 and a J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1979.^[1] He was a Deputy district attorney of San Diego County, California from 1979 to 1985.^[1] He was an assistant U.S. Attorney of the Southern District of California from 1985 to 1997.^[2]

Judicial service

In 1997, Burns was appointed to serve as a magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.^[3]

Burns was nominated by President George W. Bush on May 1, 2003, to a new seat on the Southern District of California created by 116 Stat. 1758.^[1] He was confirmed by the United States Senate on September 24, 2003 by a vote of 91-0.^[3] Burns received his commission on September 25, 2003.^[1]

On January 12, 2011, Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit selected Burns to be the presiding judge for the trial of Jared Lee Loughner.^{[2][4]} Burns was selected, in part, for his prior experience with cases involving the federal death penalty.^[2] The entire federal judiciary of Arizona recused themselves from the case due to their ties to the late John Roll, a federal judge who had been killed in the shooting, prompting the appointment of a judge from outside Arizona.^{[5][6]}

On December 20, 2012; Burns wrote an op-ed column in the *Los Angeles Times* calling for a reinstatement of the federal assault weapons ban. In the article, Burns described himself as an ardent conservative and gun owner who nonetheless felt there was no "social utility" for high-capacity clips. Besides the 31-round magazine Loughner used in his Glock, Burns cited as examples the 100-round drum allegedly used by James Eagan Holmes in the 2012 Aurora shooting and the 30-round magazine used by Adam Lanza in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Burns called for Congress to reinstate the ban without the grandfather clause of the original ban, which allowed those who already owned a weapon on the banned list to keep it. "If we can't find a way to draw sensible lines with guns that balance individual rights and the public interest," Burns wrote, "we may as well call the experiment with American democracy a failure."^[7]

Larry Alan Burns



Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California

Incumbent

Assumed office

September 25, 2003

Appointed by George W. Bush

Preceded by *New seat*

Personal details

Born 1954 (age 59–60)

Pasadena, California

Alma mater Point Loma College (B.A.)

University of San Diego School of Law (J.D.)

On December 12, 2013 Burns gained notoriety over his ruling that the Mount Soledad war memorial cross near San Diego must come down. It was erected in 1954. Burns said he had no choice but to order its removal as the cross on the memorial amounted to an endorsement of Christianity. He stayed his order for 90 days to allow for an appeal of his ruling to the entire United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit or the Supreme Court of the United States .^[8]

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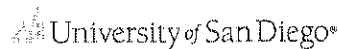
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USD Law Alumnus David J. Danielsen '77 (JD) To Lead San Diego Superior Court

The School

Thursday, November 7, 2013

About the School of Law

San Diego (November 7, 2013) – University of San Diego (USD) School of Law alumnus **Judge David J. Danielsen, '77 (JD)**, was elected by his fellow judges to serve as presiding judge of the San Diego Superior Court for a two-year term starting January 1, 2014. Danielsen, who has served as the assistant presiding judge since 2012, will succeed the current Presiding **Judge Robert J. Trentacosta, '79 (JD)**, who finishes his term of office on December 31, 2013.

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San Diego Superior Court judges have also elected **Judge Jeffrey B. Barton, '81 (JD)**, to serve as assistant presiding judge. Barton is currently the supervising judge of San Diego Superior Court's Civil Division.

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"Access to impartial justice is a core American value," says Judge Danielsen. "In these troubled economic times, our court has struggled to cope with severe budget cuts. We will continue to advocate for adequate funding and to adapt our court through creative thinking and innovation. We will endeavor to deliver the access to quality justice that our community deserves."

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For the next two years, Danielsen assumes the judicial leadership role in the oversight and management the San Diego Superior Court, its 154 judicial officers, over 1,200 employees, and a court budget of more than \$172 million. He will work closely with the chief executive officer and his management team along with an executive committee of Superior Court judges.

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Centers and Institutes

A San Diego judge for twenty-three years, Danielsen brings a wealth of judicial experience to the position having served in many assignments including two terms as the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts.

Career and Professional Development

Danielsen graduated from Dartmouth College and received his law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. Prior to joining the bench, Danielsen practiced as a civil trial lawyer for 13 years and was a partner in a private law firm in San Diego.

Administrative Offices

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The American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) honored Danielsen as a litigator by electing him to membership. He has played an active role in leadership positions in judicial and legal groups in California over his career, including a memorable tour as the president of the California Judges Association (1999-2000). Additionally, Danielsen has been selected to teach a number of courses regularly for many years to California judges throughout the state including serving as faculty at the California Judicial College.

Read [press release on Superior Court website](#)

(<http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/SDCOURT/GENERALINFORMATION/NEWS/NEWSRELEASES/NEWSRELEASES1-13%20-%20JUDGE%20DANIELSEN%20ELECTED%20PRESIDING%20JUDGE.PDF>).

About Superior Court of San Diego County

The Superior Court in San Diego County is part of the California trial court system, the largest of its kind in the world with 58 trial courts throughout the state. San Diego is the second largest court system in the state.

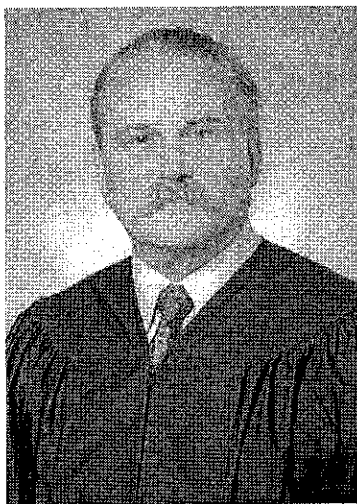
Superior Courts in California have authority over civil, criminal, family law, family support, juvenile court, landlord/tenant dispute, mental health, non-traffic infraction, probate, small claims, and traffic cases.

A presiding judge, who receives policy advice from an executive committee of judges, manages each trial court in California. Elected by fellow judges, the presiding judge serves a two-year term.

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Judge David J. Daniels '77 (JD)



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Douglas J. Friednash '87

Denver, CO

Known USD Involvement:

Friednash serves on the Law Alumni Board and has participated in 14 alumni events including Denver Alumni Receptions and most recently his 25-Year Reunion in October 2012.

Friednash has contributed \$1,950 to the law school.

General Information

Nomination For: Distinguished Alumni Award

Name: Douglas J Friednash

Class Year: 1987

Title: Shareholder

Company/Organization: Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

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Phone: 303.223.1189

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Reasoning

USD Involvement:

Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors as Law Student in 1986.

Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors for last several years.

Professional Experience:

Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Attorney General's Office

State Representative, Colorado General Assembly

Denver City Attorney, City and County of Denver

Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig

Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Education:

University of California, Santa Barbara 1984

University of San Diego School of Law, 1987

Admissions:

Colorado Bar Association

Denver Bar Association

Awards:

Outstanding Graduate Award, Alumni Association 1987

Outstanding Corporate Commitment Award, Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, 2013

Power Book Award, Category of Law, Denver Business Journal, 2011

Chamber of Commerce Champion, Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2011

Chambers USA, American's Leading Business Lawyers, 2010 and 2011

Finalist, Denver Business Journal Power Book Awards, 2009 and 2010

Lawyer of the Year, Law Week Colorado, 2009

Diversity and Inclusion Award, National Hispanic Bar Association, 2013

Pay It Forward Award, University of Colorado Law School, 2014

Personal/Family Information (optional):

Wife, Jennifer

Children, Wes and Jess

Nominator's Comments:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Doug and working with Doug in Denver, Colorado, when he was Denver's City Attorney until January 2014. I believe it would be very important to expand recognition of outstanding alumni's beyond the San Diego and California region.

With a deep background in the public and private sectors, Doug represents clients in a wide range of industries with issues related to public policy, administrative and regulatory law, commercial and transactional, government affairs and dispute resolution strategies. Doug has spent his entire career operating at the intersection of law, business and politics and is well known for his ability to solve complex issues with practical solutions. A Denver native, Doug most recently served as the City Attorney of Denver, Colorado under Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

During his time as Denver's city attorney, Doug managed one of the largest law firms in Colorado, with 100 attorneys and responsibility for the entire range of municipal representation. As City Attorney, Doug supported the mayor, auditor, the Clerk and Recorder, City Council and all city agencies, departments, boards and commissions from Denver International Airport to the Denver Police Department. Doug focused on representing Mayor Hancock in all matters involving the administration, as well as municipal operations, litigation, and airport legal services. Doug was active in a broad range of matters, including, collective bargaining, federal lobbying, leading negotiations involving Denver International Airport, and crafting local, state and federal marijuana laws and regulations. Doug was recognized for his work in winning a record number of cases filed against the City while simultaneously settling the least amount of cases in the Department's history.

Prior to joining the Hancock administration, Doug was a partner in an international law firm in Denver, where his practice focused on administrative and regulatory law, government relations and litigation. Serving as lead counsel in *Ritchie v. Ritter*, he represented a coalition of

businesses, non-profit corporations, college, and individuals that successfully challenged the constitutionality of Amendment 54 (sole source contract prohibition). Previously, he served as lead counsel to the First Amendment Council, a coalition of Colorado-based individuals, non-profit corporations and businesses that challenged the constitutionality of Amendment 41 in *Developmental Pathways v. Ritter*. Doug also handled campaign finance litigation successfully defending a campaign finance case filed by Clear the Bench against the Colorado Bar Association, University of Denver, and League of Women Voters. Doug successfully represented Congressman Coffman in defense of ethics charges brought by Colorado Ethics Watch. He has also represented numerous candidate, political and issue campaigns, including the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Coloradans for Responsible Reform, and Senator Mark Udall's Senate campaign.

Doug's practice also included representation of companies in complex commercial litigation. He has experience in appellate proceedings and alternative dispute resolution forums. He also provides advice and defense in administrative and regulatory matters. His litigation experience includes representation of a national pharmaceutical benefit management company and the largest privately held jeweler in the United States in complex commercial litigation and trademark infringement issues.

Following law school, Doug worked on the Dukakis Presidential Campaign in 1987-1988 and then returned to Colorado to work in the Colorado Attorney General's Office Enforcement Section. In 1992, Doug was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives where he served two terms representing Southeast Denver.

Doug is now a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, one of the most prestigious firms in Colorado, California and Washington, DC., where he works in governmental relations and business.

Doug is actively involved in many political, charitable and community causes and is committed to enhancing the well-being of the

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Nominator's Class Year: 2006

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Distinctions

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Award - Denver City Attorney's Office,
Colorado Hispanic Bar Association
Power Book Award in the Category of
Law, 2011, Denver Business Journal
Chamber Champion, Denver Metro
Chamber of Commerce, 2011
Chambers USA, America's Leading
Business Lawyers, 2010 & 2011
Finalist, Denver Business Journal
Power Book Awards, 2009 & 2010
Best Government Lawyer, Barrister's
Best, Law Week Colorado, 2009 and
2010
Lawyer of the Year, Law Week
Colorado, 2009
Diversity and Inclusion Award,
National Hispanic Bar Association,
2013
Pay It Forward Award, University of
Colorado Law School, 2014

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Board of Directors, University of San
Diego School of Law Alumni
Association
Advisor, City of Aurora on
implementation of retail marijuana
ordinance

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San Diego, CA

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Gibson has contributed \$280 to the law school.



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Erin Gibson concentrates in civil trial practice in federal courts with an emphasis on patent litigation and International Trade Commission (ITC) proceedings.

Erin has tried 10 cases, including eight patent trials in federal district courts and the International Trade Commission.

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- *Isola USA v. Taiwan Union Technology Corp.* (represented Isola in an ITC enforcement proceeding involving printed circuit board technology, in ITC Investigation No. 337-TA-659 (Enforcement))
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- *Linksmart v. InterContinental Hotels Group Resources* (represents InterContinental in patent litigation involving Web authentication and redirection technology in the Central District of California)
- *InNova v. Trend Micro* (represented Trend Micro in patent litigation involving email authentication technology in the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division)
- *InNova v. Hewlett-Packard, HP Enterprise Services & Dr Pepper Snapple* (represented HP, HPES, and Dr Pepper Snapple in patent litigation involving email authentication technology in the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division)
- *SkinMedica v. Histogen* (represented Histogen in patent litigation involving cell culture in the Southern District

of California)

- *Ricoh v. Oki Data* (represented Ricoh in patent litigation involving printing technology in ITC Investigation No. 337-TA-619 and the District of Delaware)
- *Motorola v. RIM* (represented Motorola in patent litigation involving smartphone technology in the Northern District of Texas)
- *Cornell v. Hewlett-Packard* (represented HP in patent litigation involving computer microprocessor technology in the Northern District of New York)
- *Hewlett-Packard v. Acer* (represented HP in patent litigation involving computer architecture technologies in the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division)
- *Hewlett-Packard v. Gateway & eMachines* (represented HP in patent litigation involving DVD drive technology, processor speed technology, and computer display technology in ITC Investigation No. 337-TA-547)
- *Hewlett-Packard v. Gateway* (represented HP in patent litigation involving computer hardware technology in ITC Investigation No. 337-TA-509)
- *Hewlett-Packard v. Gateway* (represented HP in patent litigation involving 19 patents covering numerous computer hardware technologies including processor speed technology, computer display technology, and software upgrade technology in the Southern District of California)
- *Amiga Development v. Hewlett-Packard* (represented HP in patent litigation involving computer graphics hardware and computer monitoring software technologies in the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division)
- *Broadcom v. Qualcomm* (represented Qualcomm in patent litigation involving wireless communication technology in the Central District of California)
- *Zenon Environmental v. United States Filter* (represented Zenon in patent litigation relating to water and wastewater treatment systems in the Southern District of California)

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California

Education

- J.D., University of San Diego 2003
cum laude
San Diego Law Review
Order of the Barristers
Moot Court National Team
- B.J., University of Nebraska 1999
summa cum laude

Memberships

- Member and Former Co-Chair, Legal Ethics Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association
- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Intellectual Property Owners Association
- San Diego County Bar Association
- California State Bar Association, Intellectual Property and Litigation Sections
- American Inns of Court, Louis M. Welsh Chapter

Other Accomplishments

Erin is an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law, a member and former officer of the San Diego County Bar Association's Legal Ethics Committee and a member of DLA Piper's Pro Bono Committee in

San Diego.

INSIGHTS

Publications

A new breed of damages trial

30 Mar 2012

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2012

3 May 2012

Nominations for
2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

Robert H. Gleason '98

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Gleason has participated in two alumni events including organizing a brunch for the Class of 1998's 20-year Reunion and participating in the 21st Anniversary Celebration of PRIDE at USD.

Gleason has contributed \$1,440 to the law school.

Robert H. Gleason, Esq.



Chief Financial Officer
1992-Present

Other Experience:

2005-present San Diego State University
Lecturer, School of Hospitality and Tourism
Management Program, San Diego, California

Education:

B.A. Princeton University
J.D. University of San Diego, Summa Cum Laude &

Order of the Coif

Current Professional/Philanthropic Affiliations:

Chair, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
Member, U.S. Bank San Diego County Regional Advisory Board
Public Affairs Committee Chair & former Vice-
Chair/Development, The Old Globe Theatre
Vice Chair, San Diego Commission for Arts & Culture
Director & Secretary, Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund
Member, The State Bar of California
Member, The District of Columbia Bar

Past Professional/Philanthropic Affiliations:

Chair, The San Diego LGBT Community Center
Director, San Diego Convention Center Corporation
Commissioner, City of San Diego Salary Setting Commission
Commissioner & Vice Chair, City of San Diego Funds
Commission

Member, Steering Committee, UCSD Economics Roundtable

Awards and Honors:

San Diego County Top Attorneys list, San Diego Daily
Transcript, 2009

Champion of Pride, San Diego LGBT Pride, 2009

"40 under Forty" list, San Diego Metropolitan Magazine, 2003

Dean's Award for Legal Scholarship & James R. Webb
Environmental

Law Award, University of San Diego School of Law

Nominations for
2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

James R. Goodwin '69

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Goodwin has participated in 13 alumni events and most recently attended the 2011 San Diego Alumni Reception.

Goodwin has contributed \$8,490 to the law school.

General Information

Nomination For: Distinguished Alumni Award

Name: James Goodwin

Class Year: 1969

Title: Partner

Company/Organization: Goodwin Brown Gross & Lovelace LLP

Address: 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, suite 220

City, State Zip: San Diego, CA 92122

Phone: (858) 750-3580

Email: jgoodwin@goodwinbrownlaw.com

Reasoning

USD Involvement:

USD Law Review, 1969

USD School of Law Alumni Board, 1972-1975

USD School of Law Board of Visitors, 2006-2009

Professional Experience:

Estate and Trust Law; Estate Planning; Probate Litigation; SD County Probate Section Mediation Panel; Referee and Expert Witness; Partner - Goodwin Brown - Jan/2011 - present

Partner - Wingert Grebing Brubaker & Goodwin - Jan/1991 - December/2010

Sole Practitioner - Jan/1989 -1991

Partner - Crabtree & Goodwin - Jan/1977-1988 - Associate Brooks Crabtree Jan/1970-Dec/1977.

Education:

Whittier College, B.A., 1966

University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 1969

Admissions:

State of California, 1970

United States District Court, Southern District, 1970

United States District Court, 1976

Awards:

Best Lawyers of America, 2005-present

Member, B/D, Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center, 2012- present

Member, B/D, Noah Homes, 1987-1993

Member, B/D, Senior Adult Services, 1989-1995

Personal/Family Information (optional):

DOB: August 13, 1944

Spouse: Patricia E. Goodwin

Children: Lisa, Michele and Garrett

Nominator's Comments:

I have known Jim as a friend and personal associate for over 30 years. He is my Estate Planning attorney and golfing partner and one of the most ethical men I have ever encountered. He has a strong Catholic faith, is a loving husband, father and grandparent.

I will mail his resume along with a copy of this application.

Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name: Clarence H. Campbell III

Nominator's Class Year: USD - Law - C'1964

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Goodwin Brown Gross & Lovelace LLP



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James Goodwin

Partner

For more than 40 years, Jim has practiced exclusively in the fields of estate planning, trust and probate law. He combines innovative strategies for wealth preservation with well-proven and time-tested techniques to achieve lasting results for his clients and their beneficiaries. Jim also represents clients in the areas of private and court supervised trust administration, probate administration and conservatorship proceedings. He was instrumental in the landmark case of Ike v. Doolittle (1998) 61 Cal.App.4th 51, which affirmed a trial court's discretion to modify a trust under "peculiar" or "exceptional" circumstances where necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trustor as expressed in the trust instrument. Jim handles dispute resolution on behalf of fiduciaries and the beneficiaries of trusts, estates and conservatorships. He is often called upon to act as a mediator in estate, trust or conservatorship disputes for the San Diego County Probate Mediation Panel. For more than 25 years, Jim has served as a member and Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Jim is frequently designated to act as an expert witness in disputed trust and related cases. He has received repeated accolades, including an AV© Preeminent© rating from Martindale-Hubbell (highest legal competence) and inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America©. Jim appears in the current edition of San Diego Super Lawyers®.

Licenses

- State Bar of California 1970
- Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, since 1992
- United States District Court for the Southern and Central Districts of California

Education

- Juris Doctorate in 1969 from the University of San Diego School of Law
- Staff Writer on the University of San Diego Law Review

- Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1966 from Whittier College

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

- State Bar of California
 - Chairman, Working Group on Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, 1985
 - Member, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Advisory Commission to the Board of Legal Specialization, 1991-1995; Chairman 1994-1995
 - Member, Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law Consulting Group, 1984 to 1987
 - Member, 1980 to 1983; Advisor, 1984 to 1986 to Executive Committee, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section
- San Diego County Bar Association
 - Member, Ethics Committee 2000 to present
 - Member, Arbitration Committee 1978 to 1989
 - Chairman, Probate Section, 1980
 - Chairman, Client Relations Committee, 1976-1977
- Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (1986-present)
- Mediator for the San Diego County Superior Court Probate Mediation Program (2000-present)
- Recognition
 - Included in The Best Lawyers in America®, since 2006
 - Martindale-Hubbell, AV© Preeminent© rating. This rating reflects a determination the attorney so recognized has demonstrated the highest legal competence.
 - San Diego Magazine "Best Lawyers in San Diego" 2005 and 2006 editions
 - 2007-2013 Editions of San Diego Super Lawyers®
- Community
 - Member, St. Charles Borromeo Academy School Board, 1991 to 1993
 - Member, Board of Directors, Noah Homes, 1987 to 1993
 - Member, Board of Directors, Senior Adult Services, 1989 to 1995
 - University of San Diego School of Law, Board of Visitors, 2007 to 2010
 - Board of Directors, Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center, 2011 to 2012

Nominations for
2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

Susan M. Hack '89

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Hack has participated in five alumni events and most recently attended the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Hack has contributed \$2,200 to the law school and was instrumental in the creation of the Higgs Fletcher & Mack LLP, Diversity Scholarship.

Nomination For: Distinguished Alumni Award
Name: Susan Hack
Class Year: 1989
Title: Partner
Company/Organization: Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, LLP
Address: 401 West A Street, Suite 2600
City, State Zip: San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: 619-236-1551
Email: Hack@Higgslaw.com

Reasoning

USD Involvement:

Ms. Hack has served as a judge on moot court and mock trial competitions for the University of San Diego School of Law, and has been an instructor for the law school in a course entitled "The Practicum" for several years. Ms. Hack has also been an instructor for CEB's annual courses "Recent Developments in Tort Litigation" and "Use and Abuse of Interrogatories." She also serves as an arbitrator for the San Diego County Superior Court.

Professional Experience:

Ms. Hack was admitted to the California State Bar and joined Higgs Fletcher & Mack in 1989. Ms. Hack became a partner in 1996. In 2001, Ms. Hack became a part of the Firm's management when she was appointed as an Executive Partner. Ms. Hack heads the Firm's Diversity Committee and the education side of the Firm's Professional Development Committee.

Ms. Hack practices general tort and business litigation, handling primarily business disputes, personal injury, premises liability, professional medical and business negligence, and product liability matters. She has received the highest rating available (A-V) from Martindale-Hubbell for ethics and legal ability.

Education:

J.D., University of San Diego School of Law (1989)

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa) (1986)

Admissions:

California

Practice Areas:

Business Litigation

Health Care

Product Liability

Tort & Insurance

Transportation

Awards:

In 2002, Ms. Hack was a recipient of the YWCA's Tribute to Women & Industry (TWIN) Award. Since 2007, Ms. Hack has been named each year as a Business Litigation "Super Lawyer" from Southern California Super Lawyers (San Diego). Ms. Hack is a 2011 recipient of the San Diego County Bar Association's annual Service Awards. Ms. Hack received the award for Service to Legal Education. The annual Service Awards are given during National Law Week. In 2013, Ms. Hack was named a Top Attorney in the area of Transportation by San Diego Magazine and she was a recipient of San Diego Metropolitan Magazine's "20 Women Who Impact San Diego," recognizing outstanding women who contribute to their profession and the community thereby making themselves outstanding leaders and role models. Ms. Hack is the 2013 recipient of the prestigious Daniel T. Broderick III Award. This award is given to a lawyer in private practice with a substantial body of civil litigation experience, whose word is his or her bond and who epitomizes the highest principles of civility, integrity and professionalism.

Personal/Family Information (optional):

Ms. Hack is currently on the Board of Directors and a past President of the San Diego Inn of Court. This organization presents a trial skills and an evidence workshop each year and provides a unique opportunity for student lawyers to practice what they learn by demonstrations given at courtroom sessions presided over by distinguished judges and experienced attorneys. It is theoretical, practical, and hands-on in approach. She is also on the Board of Directors of the American Inns of Court (Enright Inn) and became the Enright Inn's President in June, 2012. One purpose of the American Inns of Court is to create an atmosphere of camaraderie among lawyers and judges, and to provide attorneys with the opportunity to learn from other attorneys and judges at the monthly meetings. A strong emphasis is placed on professionalism, ethics, and civility.

Ms. Hack serves as a mentor to new lawyers and law students for Lawyers Club. This organization seeks to advance the status of women in the law and in society and is comprised of female and male attorneys, judges, law students, and others in the San Diego community who share these interests and goals. Ms. Hack also serves as a mentor to lawyers who are members of the New Lawyer Division of the San Diego County Bar Association.

In addition to Ms. Hack's activities in the legal community, she also contributes to the community at large. She sits on the board of FAME, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the public education/schools in her family's residential community in many areas, including technology. Ms. Hack has also served on the "Bike-A-Thon" committee for the Magdalena Ecke YMCA. This is an annual 12 hour event and is part of the Magdalena Ecke Y's Annual Giving Campaign, which raises money for, among many other things, underprivileged children attending summer camp.

Nominator's Comments:

Susan gives of herself tirelessly to the legal community. She is a skilled attorney, an advocate for diversity in the legal community, a mentor to new attorneys, a wife and a mother. She is a "do-it-all" female lawyer.

While at Higgs, I had the pleasure of working with Susan, and she was a true mentor. She was

fair with opposing counsel, and developed great rapport with even the most difficult of counsel.

I can think of few people who deserve this award more than Susan.

Nominator's Information

Nominator's Name: Kristin Rizzo

Nominator's Class Year: 2006



Susan M Hack

eMail: hack@higgslaw.com

email attorney 

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Ms. Hack brings considerable enthusiasm to the practice of law. She is dedicated to meeting the needs of her clients, as well as raising the standard of practice within the Firm and in the San Diego legal community.

PRACTICE GROUPS

- Business Litigation
- Health Care
- Product Liability
- Tort & Insurance
- Transportation

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law (1989)
- B.A., University of California, Los Angeles (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa) (1986)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- California

AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of California
- San Diego County Bar Association
- Lawyers Club
- American Inns of Court (Master, Enright Inn) (President 2012-2014; Board of Directors, 2005-present)
- San Diego Inn of Court (President 2009; Board of Directors, 2005-present)
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Litigation Counsel of America (Fellow)
- Defense Research Institute
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce
- Friends of Aviara Maintaining Excellence in Education (Board of Directors, 2009-present)

Nominations for
2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

John L. Morrell '84

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Morrell has participated in three alumni events and most recently attended the 2011 Presidents Club Basketball Reception.

Morrell has contributed \$3,850 to the law school.

USD School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award

John Morrell proudly graduated from USD School of Law in 1984; this year, 2014, marks his 30-year USD School of Law alumni status and 30 years of commitment to the legal profession as well as the San Diego community at large. Morrell, a San Diego native, embodies the high ethical standards and commitment to community service that USD School of Law seeks to instill in its graduates.

As managing partner at Higgs Fletcher & Mack, one of San Diego's oldest and largest law firms, Morrell's exceptional firm management has resulted in unprecedented growth, as well as the significant community contributions. He too has personally given back to the community with time, service and leadership.

Under Morrell's leadership in 2010, Higgs Fletcher & Mack created the annual Diversity Scholarship program, an annual \$10,000 grant to a minority or female law student enrolled at USD School of Law School. To date, Higgs' attorneys have contributed more than \$50,000 to USD law students in need. In 2013, the firm also expanded its diversity giving to include California Western School of Law. Another organization they support is United Way; Morrell helped spearheaded an initiative to have the firm match every staff contribution to the organization dollar for dollar. This year is particularly significant as the firm is celebrating their 75-year anniversary with their "7500 Hour Volunteer Challenge." The firm has made a commitment to collectively contribute 7500 hours back to the community, along with monetary contributions to select charities throughout 2014. And, in light of the celebration, Interim Mayor Todd Gloria presented Morrell, on behalf of the firm, with a proclamation and named February, 22, 2014 "Higgs Fletcher & Mack Day" in San Diego in honor of its commitment to the community.

Not stopping there, Morrell has been a driving force in giving back, involving himself in key positions within various industry and community groups, including membership to the Rotary Club of San Diego, serving on the Board of Trustees for the San Diego History Center, and several other charitable organizations. Another organization Morrell is proud to support is "MOST" (Mercy Outreach Surgical Team); he is part of a team that travels to Mexico each year to help out with the surgical teams who perform free surgery on children with harelips.

Under Morrell's leadership, Higgs Fletcher & Mack hired 23 attorneys in the last three years, seven of whom are females, and even through the economic downturn, the company has not had any professional layoffs since he became Chairman in 1997. Morrell has also taken a strategic approach to practice group expansion to now include Immigration & Nationality, Environmental Law, and Hotels, Restaurant & Tourism, which includes the fast-growing area of craft brewing.

Additionally, Morrell revised Higgs Fletcher & Mack's physical plant so that it could accommodate large scale meetings and events, thereby collaborating better with clients as well as meeting many of the firm's social and civic obligations. He also established best practices committees to review and restructure the way the firm does business to make it more cost-efficient and effective to meet the needs of the San Diego market.

Morrell has also taken a strong interest to grow the diversity of its staff – significantly increasing the number of minority and women partners and associates within the firm over the past several years. He has also improved operations to ensure an efficient and positive environment for the Higgs Fletcher & Mack team.

Morrell was humbled to be named one of 20 "Men Who Make a Difference" by *San Diego Metro Magazine* in 2013 and *San Diego Business Journal's* CEO of the year in 2011.

For the aforementioned reasons, it would truly be an honor and a surprise (literally – he does not know we are nominating him) to receive the USD School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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John Morrell is the firm's Chairman and Managing Partner. He has held this position since 1997.

In addition to handling firm management, John Morrell has a full time Commercial and Bankruptcy Law practice. John Morrell's practice is almost equally balanced between creditor and debtor representation in insolvency matters. He has handled numerous complex Chapter 11 reorganization cases as Debtor in Possession Counsel and as Official Creditors' Committee Counsel. John Morrell also has extensive experience in representing secured creditors in complex cases. His experience draws upon expertise in commercial transactions, including

real estate, sales of goods, securities, secured personal and real property transactions, as well as other issues directly relevant to complex business transactions and operations.

John Morrell started the firm's Chapter 11 practice in 1985 after completing his federal judicial clerkship with the Honorable Ralph G. Pagter, United States Bankruptcy Judge, US Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California (1984-1985). He has been a partner with the firm since 1991.

Morrell served as President of the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum in 1997 and was on its Board of Directors from 1996 through 1998. He also served as Vice President of the San Diego County Bar Association in 2003 and served on its Board of Directors from 2001 through 2003. Morrell has been a member of the Downtown San Diego Rotary Club since 1991. He is also a current member of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association and the San Diego County Bar Foundation. He is a third generation San Diegan.

PRACTICE GROUPS

- Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Reorganization
- Business Litigation
- Corporate and Securities
- Financial Services

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law (1984)
- B.A., California State University, Chico (distinction/highest honors) (1981)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

California

AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of California
- American Bar Association
- San Diego County Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- California Banker's Association
- San Diego Rotary Club No. 33

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Managing Partner John Morrell featured in Attorney Journal, San Diego Edition

Nominations for
2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

Todd F. Stevens '88

San Diego, CA

Known USD Involvement:

Stevens has participated in seven alumni events, chaired the Class of 1988's 25-Year Reunion, and most recently attended the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Stevens has contributed \$8,360 to the law school.

Hi,

I nominate Todd Stevens for consideration for the DAA. I have known Todd for years and have followed his career. I think he would be a great candidate for the DAA. As a former San Diego County Bar President (among other accolades), he is well connected in the legal community and would bring an audience to the luncheon, including people who may have a more positive view of USD were Todd to be an awardee.

Regarding his involvement with USD since graduation:

In addition to Todd's prior service on the USD Law Alumni Board, he (along with a small group of other USD graduates) founded the Pride Alumni Group. It was founded to help both the USD LGBT undergrad alliance and Pride Law with financial resources, community support and mentoring opportunities. The Pride Alumni Group hosted a successful fundraiser in 2012 for the campus pride groups and Todd contribute financially to the efforts of Pride Law. In 2013, Todd was on the host committee for the 25 year reunion of the law school class of 1988. He regularly financially contributes to the law school, volunteers for moot court judging and has hosted Pride Law social events in his home.

Lynne Lasry

TODD F. STEVENS
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San Diego, CA 92101
(619)238-1661
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Education: University of San Diego School of Law; Juris Doctor, 1988;
Oxford University, England
Institute of Comparative Law, 1987

Seattle University
B.A. Drama, 1983, Magna Cum Laude
B.A. Humanities, 1982, Cum Laude
Academic Distinctions: Dean's List

Bar Memberships: California and U.S. District Court, Southern District of California,
December, 1988

Employment: Keeney, Waite & Stevens
June 1989 to Present
Partner: General civil litigation practice

Community Service and Awards: California State Bar, Delegate, American Bar Association, House of Delegates (2001-2010)
President, San Diego County Bar Foundation (1999)
Board of Directors, San Diego Justice Foundation (2000-)
Board of Directors, University of San Diego School of Law, Alumni Association (2000-2004)
Chair, Bench/Bar Committee, San Diego County Bar Association (2000)
President, San Diego County Bar Association (1999)
Vice-President, Secretary, San Diego County Bar Association (1996-1998)
Board of Directors, San Diego County Bar Foundation (1996-1999)
Executive Comm., Legal Services Section, California State Bar (1997-1999)
Conference of Delegates, California State Bar (1996-1999)
Member, Human Rights Committee, California State Bar (1995-1997)
Finance Committee Chairman, Bonnie Dumanis for Judge, 1994
Legal Aid Association of California, 1994 Award of Merit
President's Award for Pro Bono (1993) - California State Bar
Pro Bono Attorney of the Year (1992) - San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program
Distinguished Service Awards, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993)
The Wiley W. Manuel Award, California State Bar (1990, 1991, 1992, 1993)
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Volunteer Attorney (1989-)
Volunteer Attorney, Citizens Patrol (1994)