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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)
J.D., May 2000.

Organizations: Berkeley Journal of International Law (Assistant Editor, 1997 - 1998)
Office of Admissions (Student Volunteer, 1999 - 2000)
Moot Court (Member 1998 - 1999)

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A., June 1997 - Political Science with emphasis in U.S. Government Institutions.

Organizations: UCLA Debate Team (Member 1995 - 1997)
Bruin Pre-Law Society (Member 1995 - 1997)

LEGAL AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Joseph Samo

San Diego, CA

Formerly: **San Diego Law Group**

President and Legal Counsel

April 2002 - Present

- Serve as mediator for opposing litigants.
- Handle business litigation, business transactions and medical malpractice cases for clients ranging from individuals to mid-sized corporations.
- Depose experts and witnesses in preparation for trial, develop and implement strategies for discovery and organize documents for civil litigation disputes.

Higgs, Fletcher & Mack

San Diego, CA

Litigation Attorney

September 2000 - March 2002

- Draft complaints, answers, demurrers and motions for summary judgment for various actions including medical malpractice, personal injury and bankruptcy. Clients included American Airlines, Scripps Health and K-Mart.
- Brief and argue motions to change venue, motions to compel and motions for summary judgment before state and federal judges.

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Honorable Federico Castro, Judge

San Diego, CA

Judicial Clerk

May 1998 - August 1998

- Research legal issues to advise Superior Court Judge on rulings related to criminal matters such as death penalty, rape, gun possession and evidentiary disputes.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

University of California, San Diego Extension San Diego, CA
Professor, Tort Law, Civil Procedure, Business Law March 2002 – May 2014

- Draft syllabi, screen textbooks, hold office hours, prepare examinations, explain litigation process and simulate deposition and trial experience.
- Teach paralegal students how to draft legal pleadings such as complaints, answers, demurrers, motions to compel, trial briefs and motions for summary judgment.

California Western School of Law San Diego, CA
Visiting Law Professor, Legal Skills August 2004 - July 2005

- Develop memoranda relating to different legal research projects.
- Assess students' legal writing skills and provide feedback.
- Teach law students how to research law on the web and at the law library.

University of San Diego San Diego, CA
Adjunct Law Professor, Community Property June 2004 - August 2004
Professor, Paralegal Program April 2002 - May 2004

- Teach California Community Property to law students.
- Design curriculum, grade examinations, meet with students for individual help.
- Compile workbook of cases and hypothetical factual scenarios for law and paralegal students to use for assignments and as a future reference.

**VOLUNTEER
EXPERIENCE**

CHALDEAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION San Diego, CA
Chief Financial Officer October 2004 - Present

- In charge of handling all monetary transactions, assist in tax preparation and responsible for all financial statements and balancing of association.

PUBLICATIONS

TORT LAW (Sir Speedy, 2006)
Collection of unique and insightful tort law cases.

CALIFORNIA CIVIL PROCEDURE (Sir Speedy, 2003)
A 300-page compilation of different motions and discovery forms that were filed before California courts.

THE DIVERSITY HOAX: LAW STUDENTS REPORT FROM BERKELEY (Foundation For Academic Standards And Tradition, 1999)
Two -page excerpt about Boalt Hall internship opportunities and incentives.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Arabic. Medium proficiency in Spanish.