

EXHIBIT 1

Curriculum Vitae
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Status: Senior Partner (Shareholder)
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Ratings: AV Preeminent in 2019/2020/2021 by Martindale-Hubbell and Preeminent “AV” in 2019/2020/2021 Judicial Edition Martindale-Hubbell/Reed Elsevier/Lexis-Nexis rating

Admissions to Practice Law:

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| California (SBN 077038) | : 1977 | Hong Kong (registered foreign lawyer*) | : 2007 |
| Central District of California | : 1978 | Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals | : 1978 |
| Southern District of California | : 1979 | Northern District of California | : 1979 |
| Eastern District of California | : 1981 | Third Circuit Court of Appeals | : 1998 |

Member:

California State Bar Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration
(2001- 2006; Vice-Chair 2004 – 2005; Chair 2005-2006).

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
(2004 - 2005; 2009 - 2012; 2017 - 2020)

Los Angeles County Bar Association member
(2003 to 2012)

Los Angeles County Bar Association Professional Responsibility & Ethics Committee
(2005 – 2008).

Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA – Board of Directors
(2008 – 2017)

Council on Litigation Management
(member 2009 – 2012).

American Bar Association
(member 1978 – 1983; 2009 to 2011).

Education:

Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island) and
University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1973 (With Highest Honors & Phi Beta Kappa).
University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, J.D., 1976
Pepperdine University School of Law – Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, 2003

Litigation/Trial Experience:

More than 48 cases to court, jury and arbitration panel(s).
More than 8 Court of Appeals and Supreme Court matters.

Testifying expert:

Qualified and testified as an expert more than 59 times to a jury, court or arbitrator(s) as an expert on the reasonableness and necessity of fees and costs.

Fee Dispute Matters:

Far over \$4.5 billion dollars in nationwide legal fees, experts' fees and costs and work product reviewed. Litigation management and fee matters concerning attorney's fees and related costs ranging from \$20,000 to in excess of \$800,000,000.00 in charges. Lawyer to lawyer approach backed by computer technology. Lectures and seminars, written and oral opinions, declarations and expert testimony on reasonableness of fees in hundreds of matters throughout the United States, Canada and other common law jurisdictions. Analysis of *Cumis*, fee-shifting, lodestar, agreement-based, common-fund, panel and retained counsel's fees. "CAFA" projections. *Buss* and *Brandt* and other allocations. Cost-control training, including budgets, alternative fee programs, guidelines and retainer agreements. California State Bar Sub-Committee member on drafting the 2005 State Bar Sample Fee Agreements. Chief outside auditor of legal fees for the several governmental entities. Retained by insurance companies, law firms, governmental entities, corporations and private individuals as fee expert, *in support of and opposing* requests for fees. **Designated "binding" neutral by existing clients, an adverse prominent city and large insurer.** Retained as mediator in fee disputes.

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"Finding a Path Forward to Regulate the Legal Industry" October 22, 2020 *Law360*; "Why not follow the best road?" August 21, 2020 *Los Angeles & San Francisco Daily Journal*; "How to Count to Thirty" December 9, 2019 *Los Angeles Daily Journal*"; "Candor to the Tribunal is now Mandatory in California" November 8, 2019 *Los Angeles Daily Journal*; "MFAA versus CAA: Jurisdictional traps for the unwary in arbitration" June 17, 2019 *Los Angeles Daily Journal*; "Unconscionable' legal fees under California's new rules" May 31, 2019 *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. "Budgets, Performance Metrics and You" (ADTA Program Handout -76th Meeting, Nashville April 2017). "What Every Lawyer Should Know About the Latest Interpretation of California's Cost-Shifting Settlement Statute" (MCLE article, January 5, 2017) *California Lawyer*; "How to Prove an Attorney's Reasonable Hourly Fee" Expert Advice/Practical Tips *California Lawyer* November 2015; "Can You Prove Your Hourly Rate to the Court?" *Daily Journal* October 19, 2015; 2 Routes to Hourly Rates for Lawyers" April 15, 2015 *Law 360*; "Recovering Fees In Family Law Practice" 2015 - Volume 37 No. 1 *Family Law Newsletter*, California State Bar; "Wrangling with whether and when actual trial begins" *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, February 4, 2015; "Recovering Fees from Clients" *California Lawyer*, July 2014; "Catalyst theory still a viable route to attorney fees" *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, June 19, 2013. "One-way fee shifting proves risky" *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, March 21, 2013. "Welcome to the cafeteria of *Jankey v. Lee*" [federal preemption law] *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, December 27, 2012. "For the Love of a Family Pet," *The Recorder*, October 19 & 22, 2012. "State high court to review fee award in disability access suit," *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, October 17, 2012. "Warning: Some Cost Shifting May Occur" *California Lawyer* (MCLE article September 2012). "Legislative History Says No Fee-Shifting in Meal and Rest Break Litigation," *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, May 16, 2012. "Labor Code Fee Shifting Provisions,"

Los Angeles Daily Journal, February 17, 2012. “Fee Shifting Statutes and Self Representation” *The Recorder* November 2011. “Recoverable Attorney Fees for Public Entities” Public CEO (July 22, 2011). “The fine art of actually collecting legal fees” *National Law Journal*, June 15, 2009. “Arbitration & Mediation”, *The Recorder* April 15, 2009. “Attorney’s Guide to Arbitrating and Litigating a Fee Dispute,” September 2008 program materials at California State Bar Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA. “Controlling the Costs of E-Discovery,” *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, August 6, 2008. October 2006 California State Bar Meeting materials and speaker at MCLE program on California State Bar retainer agreements. September, 2005 California State Bar meeting materials for and speaker at 2 MCLE programs: “New State Bar Sample Written Fee Agreements” and “Overview of the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Process.” “Billing Guidelines Offer Base Against Which to Measure Results.” *San Francisco and Los Angeles Daily Journal* November 24, 2004. October 2004 California State Bar meeting materials for, and speaker at, 2 MCLE programs: “Getting It Right From the Beginning” and “Do’s and Don’ts For Collecting Attorneys Fees”. “Vroom, Vroom. Three Categories For Fee Shifting Means Finding The Right Gear”, *The Recorder & Cal Law* (Practice Center, August 18, 2004). “Ethics of Attorneys Fees”, *California Lawyer* (MCLE article July, 2004). “Attorney Liens Must Comply With ‘Fletcher’ Requirements”, *San Francisco and Los Angeles Daily Journal*, June 29, 2004. “‘Catch-All’ Arbitration Clauses Don’t Give Parties Firm Footing”, *San Francisco and Los Angeles Daily Journal*, June 4, 2004. “Attorney-Client Fee Conflicts” *San Francisco and Los Angeles Daily Journals* (January 26, 2004). “Attorneys Fees Applications” MCLE, *California Lawyer* (January, 2004 revision). “Paper Cutter” (Electronic Invoicing) *Daily Journal Extra* (December 29, 2003). “Appealing Arbitration Awards”, *Los Angeles Daily Journal* (October 6, 2003). “Fees in Flux” MCLE Program materials for, and speaker at, 2003 California State Bar Meeting. “Shaping Arbitration”, *Los Angeles Daily Journal Verdicts & Settlements* (March 8, 2002). “The Catalyst Theory May Still Live”, *Expert Advice, California Lawyer* (November, 2001). “Policy Language Is Winning Against Recoupment But A New Battle Looms” *Mealey’s Attorney Fees*, Vol. 3, #11 (June, 2001). “Why Don’t Clients Pay? What You Need to Know to Avoid Collections Headaches” *Law Practice Management Magazine* (American Bar Association) Vol. 27, # 3 (April, 2001). “The Choice Of The Yardstick Is The Most Crucial Decision”, *Mealey’s Attorney Fees*, Vol. 3, #2 (September, 2000). “A Lawyers Bill May Be Reduced or Forfeited by Ethical Violations”, *Expert Advice, California Lawyer* (February, 2000). “How Do You Prove the ‘Lodestar’ for In-house Counsel Fees?”, *Mealey’s Attorney Fees*, Vol. 2, #1 (August, 1999). “Attorneys Fees Applications”, MCLE, *California Lawyer* (May, 1999). “Paying the Other Side’s Legal Fees: Attorneys’ Fees Calculations Under Fee-Shifting Statutes.”, *The Directory of Municipal Practitioners*, § II, G. (League of California Cities, 1997).

Recent Speaking engagements:

USC/Gould School of Law, Second Annual Advanced Arbitration Institute - July 28, 2017.

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel MCLE program on recovering fees by motion and the ethics of legal billing on November 3, 2016.

Law firm pricing program to large law firm on June 17, 2015.

Plaintiffs Securities Law Firm: In-house MCLE program “Optimal Timekeeping Procedures; Avoiding Objectionable Case-Related Expenses.” August 9, 2012

Smart Business Los Angeles – July 2012 edition. “How to ensure your money is well spent with the right law firm during litigation.”

ACI’s 6th Annual Forum “Reducing Legal Costs” October 20-21, 2011

Provisors, LLP “Effective Motions for Attorney’s Fees” July 8, 2011

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