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Birth: New Kensington, Pennsylvania 1945

Education: Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire
A.B. 1966

Harvard Law School
Cambridge, Massachusetts
J.D. 1969

University of Virginia School of Law
Master of Laws in Judicial Process 1991

Married to Anne Fidel (1976); Father of Nathan (1980), Louis (1981), and Alexander (1987).

Bar Admission: Arizona, 1970; District of Columbia, 1973.

Academic Service:

Sandra Day O' Connor College of Law at Arizona State University
Associate Dean, 2003-08
Merriam Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, 2002-03

Courses Taught 2002-08: Torts (each year); Legal Process; Legislation; Law and the Regulatory State; Advanced Statutory Interpretation

Judicial Service:

Arizona Court of Appeals
Division One, 1/1/87 - 3/31/02
Vice Chief Judge, 7/1/89 - 6/30/91
Chief Judge, 7/1/91 - 7/1/93

Superior Court of Arizona

Maricopa County, 2/1/82 - 12/31/86
Presiding Judge, Civil Department, 7/1/85 - 12/31/86

Private Practice:

Mariscal, Weeks, McIntyre & Friedlander, PA
Phoenix, Arizona
Of Counsel November 1, 2007-Present

Langerman, Begam, Lewis & Marks (now Begam, Lewis & Marks)
Phoenix, Arizona
Associate 1973-78; Member 1978-82

Public Service Practice:

Robert F. Kennedy Fellow, 1970-71 (Arizona counsel for United Farm Workers; also aided Chicanos Por La Causa and helped form Barrio Youth Project.)

VISTA Volunteer, 1969-70 (assigned to Phoenix-based Migrant Opportunity Program; also advised newly formed Chicanos Por La Causa and farm worker service center operated by United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.)

Honors:

American Jewish Committee "Learned Hand Award" 2007
For "Sustained Contributions to the Advancement of Equality and Democratic Institutions through Work in the Public Sector"

Dartmouth College District Enrollment Director of the Year, 2002

City of Phoenix "Living the Dream" Award
Martin Luther King Day 1995
For "Courage and Commitment to Human Rights."

Maricopa County Bar Association
Henry S. Stevens Award 1990
For "Outstanding Service to the Legal Profession."

State Bar of Arizona Honoree 1986
For "Outstanding Contribution to Continuing Legal Education."

Significant Past Leadership Positions: Professional

Associate Dean, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, 2003-08: Administrative responsibilities at varying times included to create and administer new Masters Degree programs (LL.M. and M.L.S.) and interdisciplinary dual degree programs; recruit and oversee adjunct faculty; oversee orientation for first year students; oversee law school externship programs; oversee senior administrative staff; oversee 2004-06 sabbatical self-study required by ABA; and oversee student Honor Code, issues of academic integrity, and application of academic standards.

Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, 1991-93 (elected by colleagues after two-year term as Vice Chief Judge; served as chief executive for 15-judge court and its 100 employees; represented court before legislature, on Arizona Judicial Council, at ABA Conference of Chief Judges, and on bench-bar committees; responsible for fiscal planning, personnel management, and long-range policy planning for the court; led delay-reduction efforts that, by end of term, brought criminal caseload current.)

Presiding Judge, Civil Department, Superior Court, Maricopa County, 1985-86 (appointed by Presiding Judge; chaired civil judges' meetings and bench-bar Civil Study Committee; served on court executive committee; represented court on State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee; administered civil delay reduction program.)

Chair, Commission on Judicial Conduct, 1987-90 (body that administers judicial discipline in Arizona; initiated professional Commission staff; initiated promulgation of rules that opened judicial conduct hearings to the public.)

Vice Chair, Arizona Commission on Juvenile Justice, 1993-94 (appointed by Chief Justice as vice chair of Juvenile Justice Commission and chair of case processing committee, during year long review of Arizona's juvenile justice system.)

Chair, State Bar Civil Jury Instruction Committee, 1985-86 (appointed by State Bar President to revive long-dormant bench-bar committee; led effort to revise standard jury instructions to accommodate legislative adoption of comparative negligence; established rules and procedures that enabled members with vehement opposing views to reach consensus on a clear and useful set of instructions.)

Significant Leadership Positions: Volunteer

*President, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project
Board of Directors, 2006 – Present* (Board member since 2004)

President, Dartmouth College Alumni Council, 2002-03

Chair, College Relations Group, 2003-04

(The Council, on which I served from 1999-2004, is a representative body of Dartmouth alumni and acts as a liaison between the alumni and the College.)

Dartmouth College District Enrollment Director, 1994-2002

(coordinated alumni interviews of all Dartmouth applicants from northern Arizona.)

Chair, Board of Directors, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., 1978-82 (first non-Hispanic board member, 1974; elected chair, 1978; chaired board through transition from small social service organization to large community development corporation.)

Other Boards and Committees:

American Law Institute:

Adviser to Project on Enterprise Liability for Personal Injury, 1988-91

Adviser to Restatement of the Law, Third, Torts: Apportionment, 1993-99

Member, 1987-Present; named Life Member, 2009

ABA Appellate Judges Conference Committee on Appellate Practice

Member, 1994-2002

Law Society, ASU College of Law 1999-Present

State Bar of Arizona Professionalism Task Force, 2003-2005

Publications:

A Salutation, 25 *Litigation* 3 (Fall 1998)

(ABA Litigation Section Journal)

Preeminently a Political Institution: The Right of Arizona Juries to Nullify the Law of Contributory Negligence

23 *Ariz. St. L.J.* 1 (1991) (Master's Thesis for U. Va.)

Why the Court Measures Delay from Commencement

State Court Journal (Summer 1986)

Waltz Me Around Again, Willie: Reflections on Discovery Practice, Sharp Elbows, Junkyard Dogs, and the Elusive Spirit of Cooperation

Arizona Bar Journal (Oct./Nov. 1984)

Some Do's and Don'ts of Motion Writing

Arizona Bar Journal (Aug. 1983)