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ADMITTED IN CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK, AND LOUISIANA

EDUCATION

Tulane University School of Law
New Orleans, Louisiana

- Juris Doctor degree, 1981
- Senior Fellow (legal research/writing teaching assistant), 1980-81
- Law Clinic, 1980-81 (District Attorney's Office)

Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts

- B.S., Communications, 1976
- Magna Cum Laude

**Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for
Dispute Resolution**, Long Beach, CA, "Mediating the Litigated Case,"
Spring 2001 (42 hours)

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

**Dec. 1995-
present** **Law Office of Eric Honig**
Marina del Rey, California

Solo general federal and state litigation practice, with particular emphasis in asset forfeiture and other governmental quasi-criminal civil litigation cases, class actions, and also including entertainment, business, employment and appellate litigation.

**April 1995-
Dec. 1995** **Michaelson & Levine**
Los Angeles, California

Federal and state criminal defense and civil practice, with concentration in asset forfeiture, white collar, and narcotics defense, and civil and criminal motion and appellate practice.

**June 1991-
April 1995** **United States Attorney's Office**
Central District of California, Los Angeles, California

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Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division. 1993-1995: *Chief, Asset Forfeiture Section*, supervised civil and criminal asset forfeiture litigation by nine attorneys and 10 support staff employees. 1991-1993: *Financial Institution Fraud Section*.

● **Major case:** United States v. Charles H. Keating, Jr., involving the failure of Lincoln Savings and Loan Association. Supervised search for stolen assets and helped obtain \$265,000,000 criminal asset forfeiture judgment against Keating.

**June 1989-
June 1991** **United States Attorney's Office**
Southern District of California, San Diego, California

Assistant United States Attorney in *Asset Forfeiture Section*, Criminal Division; civil and criminal litigation of asset forfeiture cases.

● **Major case:** United States v. 936 Cornish Drive (1990), first asset forfeiture jury trial in the Southern District of California.

**May 1981-
May 1988** **Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office**
Gretna, Louisiana

Assistant District Attorney; prosecuted over 100 major felony jury trials (murder, rape, armed robbery, narcotics, etc.). 1982-83, Director, *Commercial Fraud Division*; 1/79-5/81, **Law Clerk**.

**June 1982-
May 1989** **Law Office of Eric Honig**
Gretna, Louisiana

Attorney in solo general civil law practice, including entertainment, family, personal injury, business, and employment law.

MEDIATOR EXPERIENCE

Attorney Settlement Officer Panel, United States District Court, Central District of California; **Pilot Prisoner Mediation Program**

Los Angeles County Superior Courts, Mediation Program

Numerous Miscellaneous Private Mediations

BAR MEMBERSHIP

State of **California**, 1989
State of **New York**, 1987
State of **Louisiana**, 1981

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APPELLATE ARGUMENTS

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
Supreme Court of Louisiana
California and Louisiana state courts of appeals

SAMPLE FORFEITURE-RELATED APPELLATE AND DISTRICT COURT DECISIONS

U.S. v. \$186,416.00 in U.S. Currency, 9th Cir. C.A. No. 07-56549 (*amicus curiae* brief in behalf of National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers)

U.S. v. 475 Martin Lane, et al, 545 F.3d 1134, 1440, fn. 3 (9th Cir. 2008)

U.S. v. 475 Martin Lane, et al, 2008 WL 4596214 (9th Cir. 2008)

Synagogue, et al v. U.S., 482 F.3d 1058 (9th Cir. 2007)

U.S. v. \$100,348.00 in U.S. Currency, 354 F.3d 1110 (9th Cir. 2004)

U.S. v. 4,432 Mastercases of Cigarettes, 322 F.Supp.2d 1075 (C.D. Cal. 2004)

U.S. v. \$60,201.00 U.S. Currency, 291 F.Supp.2d 1126 (C.D. Cal. 2003)

U.S. v. \$244,320.00 in U.S. Currency, 295 F.Supp.2d 1050 (S.D.Iowa 2003)

U.S. v. Real Property Located at 9832 Richeon Ave., Downey, CA,
234 F.Supp.2d 1136 (C.D. Cal. 2002)

U.S. v. \$739,047.03 in U.S. Currency, 2004 WL 1462290, 103 Fed.Appx. 245
(9th Cir. 2004)

U.S. v. \$215,271.00 in U.S. Currency, 2004 WL 1238865, 100 Fed.Appx. 667 (9th Cir. 2004)

Sueoka v. U.S., 2004 WL 1042541, 101 Fed.Appx. 649 (9th Cir. 2004)

U.S. v. \$193,680.00 U.S. Currency, 2004 WL 2370628 (C.D.Cal. 2004)

SAMPLE FORFEITURE-RELATED CLASS ACTION CASES

Rangel v. U.S., U.S.D.C. CD/CA Case No. CV

Touhey v. U.S., U.S.D.C. CD/CA Case No. CV

Sueoka v. U.S., U.S.D.C. CD/CA Case No. CV 98-6313-MMM (Rcx)

Ohel Rachel Synagogue et al v. U.S. et al, U.S.D.C. CD/CA Case No. CV 04-2130-PA (AJWx)

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LEGAL EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1998-2008** **Whittier Law School**, Costa Mesa, California; Adjunct Professor of Law, Professional Responsibility Practicum Skills course (civil litigation).
- 1997** **Federal Bureau of Investigation**, Quantico, Virginia; Guest Instructor, trial strategies and cross-examination.
- 1990-95** **United States Attorney General's Advocacy Institute**, Washington, DC; Instructor and Lecturer, Asset Forfeiture Advocacy (co-creator of program); Civil Advocacy.
- 1990-95** **Department of Justice Office for Legal Education**, Washington, DC; Lecturer, with topics including "Money Laundering," "Litigation Strategies," "Civil Discovery Issues and Practice," "Bank Fraud Forfeiture and Civil Penalty Actions," "Preseizure Planning," and "Criminal Forfeiture."
- 1991** **California Western School of Law**, San Diego, California; Adjunct Professor of Law, Trial Practice.
- 1984-89** **Tulane University School of Law**, New Orleans, California; Associate Professor of Law, Trial Advocacy.
- 1990-present** **Guest Instructor, Judge and Trial Coach**, Whittier Law School, University of San Diego Law School, Pepperdine University Law School; Ethics, Trial Advocacy, Moot Court.
- 1983-present** **Miscellaneous Lectures**, including California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, San Diego, California; Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association, Los Angeles, California; Advanced Criminal Law Seminar, Aspen, Colorado; California Trustees Association, San Francisco, California; California Brokers Association, San Diego; Jefferson Parish (Louisiana) Sheriff's Office Training Academy; Jefferson Parish Public Schools.

PUBLICATIONS

2005 to present: Editor, *Federal Forfeiture Guide*, James Publishing

2000-2005: *Los Angeles Daily Journal* Articles: "Law Gives Asset Forfeiture Defendants Fee-Fight Help;" "Federal Lockbox – The New Asset Forfeiture Statute Overhauls Government Procedures in Favor of Property Owners;" "Drug Connection – Government's Civil Forfeiture Burden Gets More Difficult."