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EDUCATION

Law School/Year: Hastings College of the Law, 1975
College/Year: UCSD, 1970

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation, Criminal Law, Drunk Driving, Juvenile, Personal Injury & Property Damage

MAJOR CASES

A client had sex with his girlfriend and she claimed that he had raped her. She went to the police and they taped her phone call to him in which he admitted that he had indeed raped her and he apologized for his conduct. Trial result: not guilty. Another client, a commercial pilot, admitted that he had furnished false information to the FAA on his medical application, which was a felony. In the wake of press releases by the U.S. Attorney, we had a two-week jury trial in federal court in San Francisco. The jury hung on all counts.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

After law school, I set up a solo practice handling criminal cases and personal injuries matters. Over the years I obtained a commercial pilot's license and began handling air crash matters. Currently my practice is split between criminal defense and aviation litigation cases.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

I am a patron of California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, a member of the San Diego Criminal Defense Lawyer's Club, the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association, the California Public Defender's Association and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. I am on the board of directors of the San Diego Inn of Court and a former president of the Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association.

PERSONAL AFFILIATIONS

I am a member of the San Diego Eagles, a group of pilots based in San Diego. I am also a member of the Crown City Cyclists, a bicycling group based on Coronado.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

I was born and raised in San Diego, graduating from Point Loma High School in 1966. My brother is a sergeant with the San Diego Sheriff's Department and my sister is a mortgage broker. I live in Coronado with my wife Tamara and our high school-age daughter Alana. Our son Kyle is a sophomore at Pomona College. My hobbies include running, camping and flying our Cessna 210 airplane around the country.