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## 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)

## BAR MEMBERSHIP

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

## LEGAL EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1998-2008**      **Whittier Law School**, Costa Mesa, California; Adjunct Professor of Law, Professional Responsibility Practicum Skills course (legal writing/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.

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- 1990-95**      **Department of Justice Office for Legal Education**, Washington, DC; Lecturer; topics included "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, Louisiana; Adjunct 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.

**LITIGATION**

- 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 defense, other quasi-criminal civil litigation, appeals, and class actions.
- 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 drug defense cases, and civil and criminal appellate and litigation practice.

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

**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*.

- Worked on case of *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.

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

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

**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.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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

**2000-2005: Los Angeles Daily Journal** Articles, including “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.”

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**MEDIATOR EXPERIENCE**

Los Angeles County Superior Courts, Mediation Program

Numerous Miscellaneous Private Mediations

**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 APPELLATE AND DISTRICT COURT DECISIONS**

*U.S. v. \$186,416.00 in U.S. Currency*, 642 F.3d 753 (9th Cir. 2011) *cert. denied*,  
133 S. Ct. 131, 184 L. Ed. 2d 28 (U.S. 2012) (*amicus curiae* brief)

*Carvajal v. U.S.*, 521 F.3d 1242 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008)

*U.S. v. 475 Martin Lane, et al.*, 2008 WL 4596214 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008)

*Synagogue, et al v. U.S.*, 482 F.3d 1058 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2007)

*U.S. v. 4,432 Mastercases of Cigarettes, More Or Less*, 448 F.3d 1168 (9th Cir. 2006)

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

*U.S. v. \$215,271.00 in U.S. Currency*, 2004 WL 1238865, 100 Fed.Appx. 667  
(9<sup>th</sup> 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)