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EXPERIENCE

2025 to Present:

ARC (Alternative Resolution Centers)
ADR Professional (Mediation, Arbitration, Neutral
Evaluation, Discovery Referee)

2019-2024:

SternLaw: Law Office of Gary N. Stern, Woodland Hills
Civil litigation advocacy, consulting and ADR retentions

2017-2018:

Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley, Beverly Hills
Plaintiff-only personal injury litigation

2016-2017:

Gelfand & Gelfand, Beverly Hills
managing attorney, plaintiff-only personal injury and
medical malpractice

2000-2015:

Gordon, Edelstein, Krepack, Grant, Felton & Goldstein,
Los Angeles
tort litigation, medical malpractice, elder abuse and
employment tort cases

1999-2000:

Law Offices of Gary N. Stern, Los Angeles
sole practitioner, civil and tort litigation, plaintiff-only
practice; primarily medical malpractice litigation

1986-1999:

Popkoff & Stern, Los Angeles
two-person law firm, partner, civil and tort litigation,
estate planning, probate and trust litigation, primarily
plaintiff; practice emphasis on medical malpractice and
nursing home abuse cases

1981-1986:

Goodman & Hirschberg, Los Angeles
associate attorney, family law, civil and tort litigation,
plaintiff only; emphasis on medical malpractice litigation

1979-1981:

Jaffe, Clemens & Fridkis, Beverly Hills
law clerk, associate attorney; Civil Litigation and Family
Law

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1976-1979:

Congressman Henry A. Waxman; Assemblyman/Senator
Herschel Rosenthal, Los Angeles; Constituent
Caseworker and Legislative Aide

EDUCATION

1977-1980:

Southwestern University School of Law
Top 11%; Vice-Dean, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity
(1979-80); Law Review, 1979-80

1973-1977:

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Major, Political Science (B.A.) (Dean's List 1976)
Vice-Chairman, Rally Committee
Sportswriter, Daily Bruin
Sportscaster, KLA Radio

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for
Dispute Resolution, Completion of Six Day Intensive
Course: "Mediating the Litigated Case;" July 2019

Judge Pro Tem; Los Angeles Municipal Court (1990-
2000)

Judge Pro Tem; Los Angeles Superior Court, Small
Claims, Traffic, Unlawful Detainer (1990-2000; 2019 to
the Present)

Settlement Officer, Los Angeles Superior Court (1988-
2000; 2019 to Present)

Settlement Attorney, Resolve Law (2019 to present)

Arbitrator, Mediator with Superior, Municipal Courts
(1988-2000)

Member, Mediation Panel, United States District Court,
Central Dist. CA (July 2020-Present)

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Member, Mediation Panels, Los Angeles, Ventura,
Riverside County Superior Courts (2025-Present)

Judge, Moot Court Program, West Los Angeles School of
Law

Judge, Teach Democracy (formerly Constitutional Rights
Foundation), Mock Trial Competition

Panelist, "Bridging the Gap, " January 1984

Volunteer Attorney, Bet Tzedek Legal Services (1990-
2000)

State Bar of California:

Committee on Public Affairs, 1983-1986

Conference of Delegates, 1986-2000

State Bar Examiner, State Bar Court, 1988-92

Los Angeles County Bar Association (member since
1981)

Executive Committee, Los Angeles Delegation to
the Conference of Delegates

Client Relations Committee

Judiciary Committee

Legislation Committee

Barristers Executive Committee

Barristers Committee on Child Abuse, Co-
Chairman

Barristers Committee on Legislation, Chairman

Barristers Committee on Bench Bar Relations

Committee on the Homeless

Litigation Section

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Arbitrator and Mediator, LACBA Attorney Client
Mediation and Arbitration Services

Member: Southern California Mediation
Association

Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC; Affiliate
Member eff Jan 2025)

Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
(CAALA; affiliate member eff Jan 2025)

Association of Southern California Defense Counsel,
affiliate member, 2026

Included in Southern California "Super Lawyers, " 2009-
2010

COMMITMENT TO MY COMMUNITY

Jewish Big Brothers Association of Los Angeles County:

Board of Trustees, 1985-2004; 2015-Present

Advisory Council, 2004-2015

Chairman, Volunteer Big Brother Committee

Chairman, Personnel Committee

Member, Legal, Legislative, Camp, and Planning
Committees

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee re Big Sisters Program

Volunteer Big Brother, 1975-1986

Award of Merit, Los Angeles Chamber of
Commerce, 1976 "Salute to Youth in Volunteer
Service"

Respiratory Care Board (State of California, Department
of Consumer Affairs, Appt. by Senate Rules)

Member of the Board, 1997-2006

Board Vice-President, 2005-2006

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Glendale-Crescenta Volunteers Organized in Conserving
the Environment: [VOICE]

Member, Board of Directors, 1997-2003

Chair, Legal Committee

Leo Baeck Temple:

Member, Board of Trustees, 1997-2003

Membership Secretary, 1998-1999

Member, Executive Committee (1999-2001)

Chief Financial Officer (2001-2003)

Member, Coordinating Committee for Education,

Member, Ritual and Religious Services
Committee

Member, Communications Committee

Member, Rabbinic Search Committee

Dodgertown West Baseball League

Member, Board of Directors, 2015-2022

Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

Member, Board of Directors, May 2021 to Present

Co-Creator, Co-Host, "After the Glory – The Podcast;"
September 2020 to December 2022

PUBLICATIONS

"A Mediator's Perspective on Need: It's Not Always
About the Money," June 5, 2026, Los Angeles Daily
Journal

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“A Mediator’s Perspective on Health Care Negligence Cases: From Advocate to Neutral,” March 20, 2026, Los Angeles Daily Journal

“A Mediator’s Perspective on Briefs: Establishing a Basis For Resolution,” Nov. 26, 2025, Los Angeles Daily Journal

“How Mediators Should Handle Pro Per Litigants: 3 Essential Strategies”, July 2025, Los Angeles Daily Journal

“The Case That Changed the Road Ahead: a Tire Failure and A Mediator’s Insight, May 2025, Los Angeles Daily Journal

“A Mediator’s Perspective on the Eggshell Skull Plaintiff,” March 2025, Los Angeles Daily Journal

“Mediator’s Perspective on Standard of Care”, February 2025, Los Angeles Daily Journal

“‘Loss of Enjoyment of Life’ and the Declaration of Independence: Rethinking CACI 3905A as a Stand Alone General Damage,” The Advocate, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, January 2022

“My Mediation Top 10 List: Perspectives from an Advocate of 38 Years, Recently Turned Neutral,” The Advocate, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, August 2020

"Elder Abuse: What to Watch For Regarding Your Loved One, " The Voice, Quarterly Newsletter of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UCFW) , Local 770, June 2009;

"Disability Discrimination in a World Without Voc Rehab, " CAAaments (the voice of the California Applicants' Attorneys Association), January 2006, p. 30;

"Elder Abuse Cases Involving the Diabetic Resident: Responding to the 'Natural Progression' Defense, The Forum, Consumer Attorneys of California, December 2004;

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"Balance Consumer Protection, Health Care Worker Rights, " Los Angeles Times, Valley Perspective, April 1, 2001;

"MICRÄ' s Scope," S/ Ages Column, Los Angeles Daily Journal, "Verdicts & Settlements, " May 12, 2000, pg. 5;

"In the Totality, [Elder Abuse Act Remedies], S /Ages Column, Los Angeles Daily Journal, "Verdicts & Settlements, February 25, 2000;

"State Looks to Lawyers to Reform Nursing Homes, Los Angeles Times (September 19, 1999);

"Nursing Home Residents Have Rights, " Meeting the Challenges Quarterly, published by the Partnership to Preserve Independent Living for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, Riverside, CA; Winter 1999;

"The Elderly in America: A Priority?" Los Angeles Times (November 30, 1997);

"Elder Abuse Litigation: California Out in Front (Like the Old Days), The Advocate, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, September 1996;

"Elder Abuse & Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act: Old Law, New Remedies, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association, Summer Program Syllabus, August 6, 1993, Page 1;

"Plaintiff's Perspective on the Judicial Arbitration System" Los Angeles Daily Journal, May 6, 1993, Page 7;

Telephonic Screening of Potential Medical Negligence Cases, The Advocate, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association, April 1989.

PRESENTATIONS

"Mediating With Self-Represented Parties: Challenges And Rewards," June 24, 2026, Los Angeles Superior Court, MVP Advisory Subcommittee Practice Group, Via Zoom

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Navigating Culture and Bias in Mediation, ARC
MCLE Zoom presentation with fellow mediator Fatemeh
Mashouf, February 25, 2026

Andrus Center for Gerontology, Annual Mock Trial,
2019-2022

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation
Section, Elder Abuse Litigation, November 28, 2000;
December 5, 2000;

Panelist, Los Angeles County Bar Association,
"Breakfast at the Bar: Using Interrogatories as a
Discovery Tool, November 8, 1996;

Panelist, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los
Angeles, Annual Las Vegas Convention, Elder Abuse
Law (1995-2000);

Panelist, Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association Summer
Program, Elder Abuse Act, August 6, 1993;

Panelist, California Continuing Education of the Bar,
Joint and Several Liability, August 11, 1990.

REFERENCES

Hon. Dennis M. Perluss (Ret.) Presiding Justice Second
Appellate District, Division 7, California Court of Appeals;

Hon. John L. Segal, Associate Justice, Second Appellate District,
Division 7, California Court of Appeals;

Steven B. Stevens, Esq., Michels & Lew, Los Angeles, CA

Many mediators throughout So. Cal., including Bruce Clemens
and Tom Dempsey

Further references available upon request

PERSONAL

Born: May 21, 1955

Admission to CA Bar: December 16, 1980; SBN: 94498

Married 40 years to Sandra L. Stern

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Son: Daniel R. Stern, Certified Special Education Teacher

Daughter: Laura DeMarco, Licensed Real Estate Sales Agent

Grandchildren: Caleb and Hannah

GARY N. STERN LITIGATION/CASE HIGHLIGHTSJury Trials:

1983: Davis v. Haft, Med Mal, LASC, Central Dist.
(Def atty: Leon Zallen, now deceased)

1983: Brown v. Billingslea, Dental Mal, LAMC, Central
Dist. (Def atty: Shield & Smith)

1986: Dinardo v. City of Compton, jail hanging, LASC,
CCW (co-counsel w/Thomas Dempsey)

1990: Jones v. Judd, Premises Liability, San Diego
Superior (Def atty: Douglas Walters)

1992: Briggs v. View Park, nursing home abuse, LASC,
Central Dist. (Def atty: K. Cook, Bonne ofc)

2000: Henderson v. County of Los Angeles, Med Mal,
LASC, CCW (Def atty: Ronald Chavez)

2003: Bibbs v. Saaman, Auto accident, LASC, San
Fernando (Def atty: Nai Alamo-Hecht)

2008: Rosenwasser v. Cedars, Med Mal, (co-counsel
with Krepack), LASC (Def atty: Ray Moore)

2010: Hollender v. Kim, Med Mal, (co-counsel with
Krepack), LASC (Def atty: Raymond Blessey)

2010: Snider v. Amica, first party bad faith, (co-counsel
with Gordon), LASC (Def atty: S. Bost)

2016: Alexander v. Sinha, Med Mal, (co-counsel with
Gelfand), Riverside SC (Def atty: S. Trexler)

2017: Towey v. Longoria, Med Mal, (co-counsel with
Gelfand), Sacramento SC (multiple def attys)

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2017: Gibbs v. Weiskopf, Med Mal, (co-counsel with Gelfand), LASC, Alhambra (def atty: D. Weiss)

2018: Levine v. Martinez, Automobile, LASC, Central District (def atty: Maranga & Morgenstern)

Major Settlements (including binding arbitrations):

2024: Confidential, Premises Liability, \$2,800,000

2023: Confidential: School Negligence, \$1,000,000

2020: Confidential, Nursing Home Abuse: \$262,500

2018: Hayward v. Tracy, premises liability: \$400,000

2017: Confidential: wrongful death, med mal: \$850,000

2016: Confidential: wrongful death, med mal; \$1.3M

2016: Corso v. Riverside Community Hospital, Med Mal; \$750,000

2015: Riles v. Karimi, et al., Med mal (birth injury); \$2M (Def attys: G. Peterson; M. Doubet, etc.)

2015: Chojolan v. Calif. Hosp., med mal (quad of 18-year-old); \$7.5M (multiple def attys)

2014: Varnum v. State of California, Premises; Road Design, \$1.277M (multiple def attys)

2014: Guerrero v. Hyd Mech, Inc., Product Liability, \$850,000 (Def atty: Charles Palmer)

2011: Somesh v. Paradise Gardens, Wrongful Death, premises, \$980,000 (Def atty: A. Hollins)

2010: Bui v. Capstone, et al., Product Liability; \$1.640M (Def attys: D. Friedenthal, T. Cranert);

2008: Lowe v. SMA Equipment, et al. Premises/products, \$5M (multiple def attys)

2003: Lewerenz v. Crawford & Co., Disability discrimination, \$175,000 (Def atty: W. Higgins)

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1995: Crousore v. City of Moreno Valley; Road design,
\$150,000 plus accelerated General Plan

1993: Moss v. Kaiser, med mal arbitration, \$75,000
(Def atty: Kirk Neiberger)

1990: Legendre v. Charter Hosp; Med Mal, psych
hospital, \$75,000 (multiple def attys)

1989: Hole v. Kaiser, med mal arbitration, \$450,000
(Def atty, now Hon. Michael Solner)

1989: Villareal v. So. Cal. Edison, FMC,
Products/Premises, burn injuries, \$3M (co-counsel: J.
Thielen)

Mediation work since 2019:

[Estimated total success rate re private cases: 70%]

Among 27 matters referred by the USDC:

2022: The Rockwell case (one plaintiff and 25
defendants in a complex asbestos exposure case,
over three days via Zoom settled out 17 of the 25
defendants)

2020-2025: approximately 10 ADA cases,
Resolved 70%

2022: Housing Discrimination case

2022: Urquidi v. Union Pacific, fire damage

2022-2023: multiple vehicle accident cases, U.S.
Postal Service as Defendant

2024: Two State Farm Subrogation cases re
Property Damage

2024: Two Costco cases removed to federal
court; Premises Liability

Mediation Days for Farmers Insurance, 2022

Resolved 7 of 10 cases

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Private Retentions, 2019-2024 (all resolved)

Till case, motor vehicle

Avenesian case, motor vehicle

Sanders financial elder abuse case

Three Security Deposit cases, all resolved

Ortiz v. Baron, FEHA and Labor Code case

Millesara First party property insurance bad faith

Khakachrian motor vehicle case

Butler v. Arias premises liability case

Attorney Referral Fee Dispute

Unlawful Practice of Law Case

Rios v. Airada, motor vehicle case

2025 Settled Cases Through LASC Resolve Law and
MVP; 2-3 on average heard and heard through May
2025

Duran case, wrongful termination

Carson case, FEHA, Wrongful Termination

2019-2020 Settled Cases at Spring Street Courthouse as a
Settlement Officer

McKenzie case, motor vehicle

Parks case, parent assault case at youth event

Brause case, bar service of alcohol, motor vehicle
accident happened immediately thereafter

Major movie star accused of sexual assault, all
day session resulted in confidential settlement

Nichols Case, motor vehicle

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Perryman case, premises liability

Lara case, motor vehicle

Markus-Reid case, premises liability

Hedges case, motor vehicle

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