



RICHARD D. ACKERMAN, ESQ.

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

LICENSURE:

Mr. Ackerman is admitted to practice law in California courts. He is admitted to federal practice before the Southern District of California, Central District of California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He has represented the interests of parties before every court to which he is admitted. He has also represented parties before the United States Senate Press Gallery, United States Senate Rules Committee, United States Department of Education, California Unemployment Appeals Board, California Department of Consumer Affairs (Medical & Chiropractic Boards), and California State Board of Equalization.

EDUCATION:

Mr. Ackerman is a 1994 graduate of Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, California, where he served as the assistant editor of the *Western State Dictum* (newspaper). While in law school, Mr. Ackerman earned four American Jurisprudence Awards (Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing) in the areas of family law, tort law, and written/appellate advocacy.

During the summer of 2001, Mr. Ackerman successfully completed the Alliance Defense Fund National Litigation Academy (NLA X), where he trained in the civil defense and prosecution of constitutional rights at the trial and appellate levels.

LEGAL CAREER:

Mr. Ackerman's legal career began in the Orange County District Attorney's office in Orange County, California, where he served as a volunteer intern. He tried dozens of infraction cases before graduating from law school as a result of his time with this office.

After graduating from law school, Mr. Ackerman was employed with the Cifarelli Law Firm in Santa Ana, California. While at the firm, he was responsible for litigating medical malpractice cases, defense of medical doctors before the California Medical Board, and appellate advocacy.

From 1994 until 2001, Mr. Ackerman maintained a private practice in the areas of complex business litigation, business formation, and related areas of law. He assisted international diplomats, small business, and corporate entities with their legal needs here and abroad. During this time he continued to advise physicians and lawyers on medical malpractice liability.

In January of 2001, Mr. Ackerman joined the United States Justice Foundation (USJF) as an appellate and litigation attorney responsible for coordinating public interest litigation, discovery, preparation and trial of civil rights matters. He was also responsible for drafting legislative analyses and opinion letters on issues of public interest.

In 2003, Ackerman returned to the private practice of law and started what would become Ackerman, Cowles & Lindsley. The firm emphasizes its practice in the areas of complex business litigation, family law, real estate law, and complex probate. Mr. Ackerman's career has blessed him with the opportunity to represent the legal interests of National Lawyers Association, Focus on the Family, Citizens for Better Government, Capitol Resource Institute, Campaign for California Families, Women's Resource Network, Salt & Light Network, Pro-Family Law Center, Liberty Counsel, California Public Policy Foundation, U.S. Congressman Ron Paul, California Senator Ray N. Haynes, California Senator Tom McClintock, California Senator Dennis Hollingsworth, the government of Taiwan (United States Culture Centers), and many others.

Mr. Ackerman's work has earned him the Beverly Clark Civil Rights Award, the Malachi Award for Defending Life, Pacific Justice Institute's John R. Parker Award, and other special local and national recognition.

ISSUES: Mr. Ackerman has defended the Pledge of Allegiance before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, represented legislators and consumers during California’s electricity crisis, helped draft legislation to protect children from abuse, fought for religious liberty, testified before the Legislature on traffic reduction strategies, and has defended many other important causes.

ACADEMIC: Mr. Ackerman served as a professor of philosophy for the Rancho Santiago Community College District from 1994 to 2003. He was recognized as an “Influential Instructor” by the Distinguished Chicano/Latino Scholars, nominated for the Distinguished Faculty Award at Santiago Canyon College in 1997 and 1998, listed in “Who’s Who Amongst American Teachers” in 2000, and won the Santiago Canyon College Faculty Award in 2000.

EXPERT: In Summer of 2001, Mr. Ackerman served as an academic expert to the Ethics & Public Policy Center in Washington, DC, on marriage and parental rights.

In Fall of 2001, Mr. Ackerman served as a legal expert to the California State Assembly Judiciary Committee on the constitutionality of same sex marriages. In March 2006, he testified before the California Assembly Health Committee on parental rights and the imposition of a mandatory HPV vaccine on California’s school girls.

MEDIA: Mr. Ackerman has been a guest speaker on the Bott Radio Network, USA Radio Network, KTLA News Special with Hal Fishman, Judicial Watch, Radio America, Focus on the Family, The O’Reilly Factor, Fox News & Friends, Larry Elder Show, Fox Report, National Public Radio, LifeTalk, Talk America Radio (London, England), Detroit Radio, KKWR (New York), KGOP (Washington DC), WPHT (Philadelphia), KSLR (San Antonio TX), Lifeline, Heart to Heart, the Welch Report, Ted Elm Show, Wake Up America, John & Ken Show, and many other radio and television shows across the nation. His views on constitutional rights have been expressed on hundreds of radio stations across the nation. His cases, as a private lawyer and in his current practice, have been featured on ABC, KTLA, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, CBS, KCAL, FOX, and in/by the California First Amendment Coalition, Washington Times, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, North County Times, Union Tribune, The Californian, CNSNews.com, San Diego News Notes, Citizen Magazine, The Conservative Voice, California Political Review, WorldNetDaily.com, Bloomberg News, Orange County Register, Riverside Press Enterprise, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Desert Sun, Santa Rosa Press Democrat, Argus Courier, Sacramento Bee, Associated Press, Santa Cruz Sentinel, RNC For Life Report, and over 1000 other news sources.

CIVIC: **Certified Mandatory Fee Dispute Arbitrator (Riverside & San Bernardino)**
Member, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 2801
Serving as Presiding Justice for Lodge
Patriotism Committee Member
Scholarship Review Panel Participant
Active Member, Riverside County Bar Association
Member: Committee on Continuing Education of the Bar
Active Member, Southwest Riverside County Bar Association
Past Board Member, Pastors Information Resource Council
Advisory Board Member, Pregnancy Support Centers, Inc.
Advisory Board Member, Corona Life Services Pregnancy Center
Past Board Member/Treasurer, Clarendon Hills Homeowners Association (Murrieta)
Former Vice-Chair, Measure K Bond Oversight Committee (Murrieta Valley USD)
Supporter, Girl Scout Troop 372 (San Geronio Council)

DECISIONS: *Catholic Charities of Sacramento v. Sup. Ct.*, 32 Cal.4th 527 (2004) (amicus)

Nat’l Tax Limitation Comm. v. Schwarzenegger, 113 Cal.App.4th 1266 (2004) (argued)

Levi v. O’Connell, 144 Cal.App.4th 1266 (2007) (argued)

Friery v. LAUSD, 300 F.3d 1120 (9th.Cir.2002) (argued)

Friery v. LAUSD, 448 F.3d 1148 (9th.Cir.2006) (argued)