



RICHARD D. ACKERMAN, ESQ.

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

PRO-FAMILY LAW CENTER, VICE PRESIDENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

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*. 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 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 an volunteer intern.

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 is also responsible for drafting legislative analyses and opinion letters on issues of public interest.

In May of 2003, Mr. Ackerman was elevated to the position of Vice President of Legal Affairs for the Pro-Family Law Center (PFLC). He is responsible for the management and success of the litigation arm of Abiding Truth Ministries. PFLC is focused on defeating the homosexual activism that has polluted America's schools and destroyed the traditional family model.

Mr. Ackerman's career has blessed him with the opportunity to represent the interests of National Lawyer's Association, National Federation of Republican Assemblies, 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 Assemblyman Dennis Hollingsworth, the government of Taiwan, and many others throughout the United States and abroad.

Mr. Ackerman's work has earned him the Beverly Clark Award, the Malachi Award, and other special recognition in the area of civil rights and religious freedom.

ISSUES: Mr. Ackerman has defended the Pledge of Allegiance before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, represented Republican legislators and consumers during California's electricity crisis, helped draft legislation to protect children from abuse, testified before the California State Legislature to defeat same-sex marriage legislation, fought before the Supreme Court to prevent the spread of AIDS, fought for religious liberty, 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.

MEDIA: Mr. Ackerman has been a guest speaker on the USA Radio Network, KTLA News Special with Hal Fishman, Judicial Watch, Radio America, Focus on the Family, The O'Reilly Factor, 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, 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, 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.

PUBLICATION: Mr. Ackerman has published articles on a variety of topics including abortion, conservatism, national defense, and other various topics. His academic works include the following:

Why We are Losing the Gay Marriage Battle;
Ackerman, R.D., WorldNetDaily.com (WND, February 2004)

A Gen-X View of the Constitution;
Ackerman, R.D., Whistleblower Magazine, (WND Publishing, Aug. 2003) Vol. 12, No. 8.

On the Primacy of Scripture
R.D. Ackerman, Penguin Western World (Pearson Custom Pub., 2002) ISBN 0-536-71260-3

The State of America's Constitution
R.D. Ackerman., Penguin Western World (Pearson Custom Pub., 2002) ISBN 0-536-71260-3

Contributing Writer to *The Conservative Voice, Riverside, CA*

PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Ackerman has presented on a variety of topics, including the following:

Why We Are Losing the Battle for Marriage;
February 28-29, 2004; Corona, California
Olive Branch Community Church

Gay Marriage: Discussion of the Issues;
February 18, 2004; Los Angeles, California
KTLA Channel 5 (Hal Fishman)

Recent Developments in Parental Rights Litigation;

October 25, 2003; Corona, California

Mission to the Schools Conference

On the Need for Conservatism as a Moral Imperative in Politics;

October 2, 2003; Vista, California

California Republican Assembly (North County San Diego)

The Responsibility of Voting for Christian Principles;

September 19, 2003; Riverside, California

Republican Women in Action

Recent Legal Developments & The California Recall;

August 1, 2003; Temecula, California

California Republican Assembly (Temecula-Murrieta)

The History of the Homosexual Movement & Its Influence on Our Culture;

June 28, 2003; Orange, California

Presbyterian Church

State of Affairs on the Abortion/Breast Cancer Connection;

January 18, 2003; California State University Long Beach

Scholl Institute for Bioethics

Bringing About Spiritual & Intellectual Revival in Academics;

September 7, 2002; Santa Barbara, California

Reclaiming California Conference

Academic Freedom: Facing the Challenges;

July 20, 2002; Highland, California

Reclaiming California Conference

Homosexuality & The Law: Recent Legal Developments;

July 5, 2002; Temecula, California

California Republican Assembly (Temecula-Murrieta)

Teachers' Rights & Academic Freedom;

August 21, 2001; Orange, California

Santiago Canyon College (Faculty Presentation)

The Federal Equal Access Act;

August 11, 2001; Sacramento, California

Take Back the Schools Conference

Transgender Politics - A Debate;

May 7, 2001; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

National Public Radio Debate / Carpenters' Hall

An Update on Contemporary Legal Issues;

February 22, 2001; Riverside, California

California Republican Assembly

Cyberspace, Cultural Relativity & the Standard of Care:

Practicing Medicine and Law in Cyberspace;

March 29, 2000; San Diego, California

American College of Legal Medicine Annual Conference

Physician Abandonment & Breach of the Implied Covenants;

By: R.D. Ackerman & Philip S. Cifarelli, M.D., J.D., FCLM

March 19, 1998; Las Vegas, Nevada

American College of Legal Medicine Annual Conference

Spoilation of Evidence : Definitions and Avoidance;

March 6, 1997; Fort Lauderdale, Florida

American College of Legal Medicine Annual Conference

Legal Approaches to Bioethical Dilemmas;

Fall 1994; Rancho Santiago College, Department of Philosophy

An Analytical Approach to the Abortion Dilemma;

Summer 1994; Rancho Santiago College, Department of Philosophy

CIVIC:

Executive Board Member, Abiding Truth Ministries (Pro-Family Law Center)

Director of Legal Affairs - American Family Association, California

Executive Board Member, Pastors Information Resource Council

Advisory Board Member, Corona Life Services Pregnancy Center

Treasurer, Clarendon Hills Homeowners Association (Murrieta)

Member, Measure K Oversight Committee (Murrieta Valley Unified Sch. Dist.)

Volunteer Attorney, Alliance Defense Fund (ADF)

Volunteer Attorney, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)

Judge Pro Tem Volunteer, Riverside Superior Court

Member, California Republican Assembly (Temecula/Murrieta)

Member, Riverside County Bar Association

Member, Supreme Court Historical Society

Member, Federal Bar Association