

Richard Ackerman

Managing Partner at Ackerman, Cowles & Lindsley

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Summary

I am the managing partner of the premier public interest firm in Southwest Riverside County, California. My firm offers ethical, aggressive, and informed representation of our clients at a reasonable cost. As our lead litigator, I have a 10.0 rating with www.avvo.com and have worked in the legal field for nearly 20 years.

Specialties

We offer complex business litigation, transactional law, family law, and complex probate/guardianship litigation. Our firm also offers extensive experience in appellate law, First Amendment advocacy, and public interest litigation.

Experience

Managing Partner at Ackerman, Cowles & Lindsley

2003 - Present (4 years)

Responsible for approximately \$1,000,000 annual budget for firm of 4 attorneys and 4 staff members. Mr. Ackerman has also served as lead trial counsel on many matters handled by firm over the last several years, including complex business, complex family law discovery, and complex probate litigation. The firm or its attorneys have successfully handled matters in Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, Placer, San Francisco, Alameda, Kern, and Sacramento Counties. Pro hac vice litigation has also been handled in Washington DC, Tennessee, and Nevada for our attorneys' present and former clients.

President/CEO at Pro-Family Law Center

2003 - Present (4 years)

I serve as the President of the Pro-Family Law Center (PFLC), a California nonprofit legal services organization.

PFLC has been directly involved in many of the key public interest controversies of our time, including, but not limited to *CCF v. Newsom* (SF - Same Sex Marriage Issue), *Lawrence v. Texas* (states' rights), *Newdow v. US Congress* (Pledge of Allegiance Case), *GNEA v. Hicks* (free speech in the workplace), and a variety of other cases brought in local courts and taken as far as the United States Supreme Court.

PFLC also provides consulting on bioethical issues, information and interviews to news sources looking for a "conservative view" on issues of the day, and legislative analyses for news sources, attorneys, and legislators. Our cases and views have been spotlighted on every major news network, the O'Reilly Factor, and National Public Radio.

1 recommendation available upon request

Of Counsel at Maxwell E. Lin & Associates

1999 - 2007 (8 years)

"Hired gun" for firm that conducts practice in international law, complex business litigation, and employment law. Mr. Ackerman has regularly tried cases in Los Angeles Superior Court with great success for Mr. Lin's office over the last eight years.

Litigation Counsel at United States Justice Foundation

January 2001 - 2003 (2 years)

Chief litigator for public interest matters involving First Amendment and other Constitutional issues. Mr. Ackerman's litigation with USJF brought success before the United States Senate (Press Gallery) and other important forums.

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Rancho Santiago Community College District

1994 - 2003 (9 years)

Taught philosophy, formal logic, critical thinking and other course material for college. Also published textbook with Penguin Publishing during his tenure with the college.

Principal Attorney at Law Offices of Richard D. Ackerman

1996 - 2001 (5 years)

Sole practitioner emphasizing practice in civil litigation and business law. The highlights of his experience as a sole practitioner include multiple victories in court, changes in public records handling by municipalities, and changes in the former monopoly held by the 91-Toll-Lane operators.

Law Clerk & Attorney at Cifarelli & Cifarelli

1991 - 1996 (5 years)

Law clerk from 1991 - 1994. Served as associate for approximately 2 years thereafter. Responsible for all appellate matters, law and motion, and civil discovery for medical malpractice / personal injury firm. 80%+ of all law and motion matters were resolved favorably for clients of the firm during this time.

Education

Azusa Pacific University

30 Units Post Grad Studies, Theology, 1997 - 1999

California State University-Long Beach

Competency Certification, Philosophy, 1994 - 1996

Western State University College of Law

Juris Doctorate, Law, 1991 - 1994

Activities and Societies: Republican Law Students Association, Assistant Editor of the Dictum Newspaper

Santiago Canyon College

Transfer, Philosophy, Journalism, 1986 - 1990

Activities and Societies: Philosophy Club, El Don, Tutoring Program

Honors and Awards

- * Certificate of Appreciation for Judge Pro-Tem Service (Riverside Co.) 2007
- * John R. Parker Award (Pacific Justice Institute) 2007
- * National Leadership Award (NRCC) 2006
- * Certificate of Appreciation for Serving as Vice-Chair of Bond Oversight Committee (Murrieta Valley USD) 2005
- * Beverly Clark Civil Rights Award (North Co. SD CRA) 2002
- * Who's Who Among American Teachers (Valedictorian Nomination RSCCD) 2000
- * Adjunct Faculty Award (Santiago Canyon College) 2000
- * (4) American Jurisprudence Awards (Lawyers Cooperative Pub.) 1991-1993
- * El Don Outstanding Artist (Editorial Art) 1989
- * All American Award for Journalism (American Collegiate Press) 1988

Interests

Philosophy, theology, music (guitar, piano, bass), gardening, and tending to the koi pond.

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1 person has recommended Richard

"I grew to know Mr Ackerman mostly through my political party and events. We have spoken to groups on the same programs and I know he is a family man with tremendous interest in causes that effect the community. Richard is a caring person who takes time to converse with everyone about matters that are of concern. I wholeheartedly recommend him and feel that he would do an excellent job in most any endeavor he decided to tackle."

— **Danney Ball**, *CEO, Danney Ball Productions*, was with another company when working with Richard at Pro-Family Law Center

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