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Education

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
B.A. Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1975

University of California, Berkeley
J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law, 1981

University of California, Berkeley
M.A., Department of Geography, 1991

Employment

Law & Mediation Offices of Frederick Hertz, 1988-present

My law practice focuses on representing private and non-profit clients in real estate and land use matters, including transactions and negotiated advocacy involving leasing and sales, misrepresentation claims and financing disputes, and real estate co-tenancy matters, with an emphasis on the property aspects of the formation and dissolution of non-marital relationships. My land use practice includes permit approvals, compliance issues, and administrative procedures. I serve as a mediator and arbitrator of disputes involving real property, land use and non-marital dissolutions.

Law Offices of Timothy A. Tosta, associate attorney, 1985-1988

On behalf of owners and associations I handled zoning matters, purchases, leases, and landlord-tenant disputes, specializing in co-ownership and multi-party transactions and misrepresentation/fraud litigation, including all phases of discovery, trial preparation and trial, and appellate briefing, as well as land use representation throughout California in zoning challenges, development approvals, coastal permits, and neighborhood planning disputes.

Rose & Kornhauser, associate attorney, 1982-1985

I handled all aspects of real estate litigation including pleadings, written discovery and depositions, and court appearances, and assisted with trials in state and federal courts involving real estate fraud claims, disposition of assets, and loan subordination claims.

Supreme Court of Minnesota, Saint Paul, Minnesota, law clerk, 1981-1982

As a law clerk to Justice Simonnet I reviewed trial records, researched and drafted briefs and opinions, and assisted in the preparation of the Court for oral argument.

Public Advocates, Inc., law clerk, Summer-Fall 1980

Public Advocates is a public interest law firm representing minorities and urban poor in administrative forums and impact litigation; I worked on an anti-discrimination lawsuit by Filipino accountants against the California Board of Accountancy, and on transit impact fee legislation and Community Reinvestment Act challenges.

Teaching Positions

Saint Mary's College, Instructor in the B.A. Legal Studies Program (formerly Paralegal Program)
Real Estate Course, 1994-2001

Golden Gate University School of Law, Instructor, Solo & Small Law Firm Management
1999-2001

Professional Associations

State Bar of California, Admitted 1981 (Member, Environmental & Real Property Sections)
Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (former member, Board of Directors)
AIDS Legal Referral Panel (founding/former member, Board of Directors)

Community Service Activities

Former Chair, Oakland Landmarks Preservation Board & Historic Preservation Task Force
The Landmarks Board reviews applications and requests for design review of alterations to existing landmarks. I was appointed to the Board in 1987 and served as its Chair in 1988-89.

Board of Directors, Sacred Sites International Foundation (boardmember, 1990-2005)
Sacred Sites is an international organization formed to appreciate and preserve sacred sites throughout the world through advocacy, education and travel.

Board of Directors, Jewish Film Festival (boardmember, 2005-present)

Publications (partial list)

Legal Affairs: Essential Advice for Same-Sex Couples, Henry Holt & Company (Owl Books), 1998

Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples, (co-author), Nolo Press, 2002

Living Together, A Legal Guide for Unmarried Couples, (co-author), Nolo Press, 2001

CEB's California Domestic Partnerships, Chapter Author

"Property & Support Obligations in Terminations of Non-Marital Relationships," in
International Family Law Journal, March 2004

"Overcoming Obstacles to Settlement of Same-Sex Dissolutions," in The Family Advocate, 1997

"Drafting Cohabitation Agreements" and "Drafting Cotenancy Agreements," in

The Practical Real Estate Lawyer, ALI-ABA, November-December 1996

"Handling a Real Estate Divorce," in Real Property Law Journal, State Bar of California, Dec. 1996

"Why Solos Should Be Specialists," in Law Practice Management, ABA, January 1996

"Rules of Disengagement," in California Lawyer, May 1997

The Solo Practitioner, in The Recorder (ongoing series 1991-1994)

Numerous articles on non-marital dissolutions in Hero Magazine, San Francisco Frontiers

Public Appearances (partial list)

Appeared as a panelist at continuing education programs:

State Bar of California's Section Institute on Litigating Co-Ownership Conflicts (2000)

Continuing Education of the Bar's Advanced Course on Unmarried Couples (1999-2004)

Bar Association of San Francisco's course on co-ownership conflicts (1999)

Lavender Law (National lesbian/gay lawyers association conferences 1997-2004)

Lectured on co-ownership conflicts at: Boalt Hall School of Law

Featured in The New York Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, California Lawyer, Out Magazine,

The Advocate, Forbes Magazine, Hero Magazine, East Bay Express, California Lawyer,

Appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, Talk of the Nation, The Today Show, KQED's Forum,

and various local and national radio broadcasts