

MELISSA C. BROWN
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EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles: Juris Doctorate, 1983
California State University, Chico: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1977

BAR ADMISSIONS AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

State Bar of California, 1983. State Bar Number 110292

Admitted: Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. District Court for the Central and Eastern Districts of California; District of Arizona.

Mediation Certificate, World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (2007)

Arbitrator, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (2008 to present)

Mediator and Arbitrator

Basic Crafts Workers' Compensation Workers' Compensation Program (2010 to present)

California Ironworkers' Collectively Bargained Workers Compensation Program (2010 to present)

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

2011 to Current:

Professor of Lawyering Skills

Director, Legal Clinics, Supervising Attorney, Elder & Health Law Clinic

Director, Elder & Health Law Concentration

2008-2010:

Adjunct Professor, Supervising Attorney for the Elder & Health Law Clinic

Director of Professional Education, Institute of Laws of Health and Aging

FRAULOB - BROWN. Sacramento, CA (1991–Present)

Partner. Practice areas include: workers' compensation cases at all levels of litigation and appeal; Social Security and other disability benefits at all levels of appeal; elder law, wills, trusts, health care directives, estate planning, public benefits/entitlements; health care access and reimbursement litigation for patients and physicians.

Legislative and regulatory advocacy on behalf of aging, disabled, and injured workers.

LAW OFFICES OF EUGENE C. TREASTER, Sacramento, CA (1985 – 1991)

Attorney. Representation of injured workers in workers' compensation and Social Security disability claims at all levels of appeal.

BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES, Los Angeles, CA (1983-2004)

Consultant. Developed and presented Legal Advocacy for the Welfare of Seniors (LAWS) training programs for attorneys, paralegals, health care workers and community workers. Produced annual training manuals and video training materials addressing the legal problems of older and disabled persons.

ADVOCACY FOR INDEPENDENCE (AFI) – (1990-2004)

President. Nonprofit Corporation providing education and public policy recommendations affecting the elderly and/or disabled

POTTER & COHEN, Pasadena, CA (1984 – 1985)

Attorney. Represented injured workers in workers' compensation and Social Security claims at all levels of appeal; adult and juvenile criminal defendants; wills, trusts, powers of attorney and health care directives.

OFFICE OF HEARINGS & APPEALS, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, Pasadena, CA (1982 – 1984, while attending law school, post-bar and upon admission):

Law Clerk and Staff Attorney. Responsible for conducting pre-hearing conferences with claimants and attorneys, case development, recommended dispositions, drafting

proposed decisions, legal research and memoranda. Assisted in the design and implementation of a pilot adversary adjudication system.

GREY LAW OF LOS ANGELES (1979 – 198, while attending evening law school)

Paralegal and Training Coordinator. Responsible for full client caseload. Developed and presented lay advocacy training. Represented elderly claimants for Social Security, Medicare, SSI, MediCal, and In Home Supportive Services. Assisted in organizing the Older Women's' League (OWL) and preparation of issue papers for OWL and the White House Conference for Older Women.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY (1981 – 1982)

Law student intern, Nursing Home Fraud and Abuse Division. Supervised by Assistant District Attorney Ed Feldman regarding legislation, resident and consumer protection, fraud and abuse prosecutions.

SENIOR LEGAL CENTER, Chico, CA (1975 – 1979, while attending college and post-graduate)

Paralegal and Training Coordinator. Responsible for full client caseload and legislative advocacy representing residents of ten rural northeastern counties. Developed and presented staff training, statewide training and educational materials for attorneys, paralegals, lay advocates and consumers. Developed and presented curricula for community colleges on senior and disability issues.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER REPUTATION-ENHANCING ACTIVITIES

PUBLICATIONS

Advising the Elderly or Disabled Client

Warren, Gorham & Lamont, 1992, ISBN 0-7811-0028 3, Library of Congress Card Catalog No. 91066903. First published, 1992, with semiannual supplements to present.

Is Medicare Enough? A Consumer Guide to Medicare Supplemental Insurance. Featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, NBC news, and distributed nationally. (1978)

Lexis Nexus Editorial Board (2003-2019)

MEDIA

Film, *Older Americans and the Law*- American Bar Association.

Capitol Public Radio, *Second Opinions*, Community Advisor Committee, 2009-2011 and Panelist for live broadcast: *Would it Kill You to Plan for Your Death?*

Capitol Public Radio, *Insight*, several on-air appearances regarding health and aging issues (2009 to present)

Sacramento Valley Central Labor Council: *Profiles of Labor* community cable television monthly commentary: "Health and Safety in the Workplace." (1996- 2000)

Produced written and video material to accompany presentations regarding health care access, public benefits, nursing home residents' rights, for attorneys and lay advocates for the elderly and disabled for the American Association of Retired Persons, Presbyterian Church, American Bar Association, State Bar of California, California Continuing Education of the Bar, California Applicants' Attorneys Association, and California Society for Industrial Medicine and Surgery (1978-2014)

PRESENTATIONS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS, CLINICAL SECTION

Workshop Presenter: *Where the Jobs Are Now and What They Require: Preparing Law Students for an Interprofessional World* (2015 Clinical Conference)

Workshop Presenter: *Teaching Empathy to Millennials for These Tumultuous Times* (Clinical Conference 2015)

Working Group Facilitator: *Disability and Elder Law* (2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 Clinical Conference)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLINICAL CONFERENCE

McGeorge Host and Planning Committee (2011)

Planning Committee, facilitator and workshop presenter (2013-2018)

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY/ADVOCACY

State Bar Legal Services Section (1978-1988)

Committees: Legal Problems of Aging and Legal Problems of Middle Income Persons.

Committee work resulting in legislation signed into law creating Durable Powers of Attorney, the Nursing Home Citation system and the Probate Court Investigator system, and legislative/policy recommendations for Alternative Dispute Resolution systems. (1978-1988)

California Applicants' Attorneys Association- Legislative and regulatory advocacy for the rights of injured workers in the area of health and safety, medical treatment, compensation, and discrimination. (1988-2014)

EXPERT WITNESS

NFL Players Association (2013): issues of jurisdiction, injury, compensation, collective bargaining

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Renaissance Society, CSUS

Estate Planning, Nursing Home Residents' Rights, Medicare and other topics (2014 to present)

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (California Chapter)

Medicare Beneficiary Rights and Appeals (2014)

California Office of Emergency Services

Annual Training, Elder Abuse (2018)

Napa County Alliance for Senior Education

Elder Abuse Conferences (2017-2018)

Asian Community Center

Elder Abuse, Medicare Rights and Appeals (2017, 2018)

Sacramento County Adult Protective Services

Surrogate Decision Making Documents: What They Are; What to Look For. In-Service Social Workers' Training (2017)

LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Organizer & Developer. *Public Health Emergencies and California Law*, Symposium co-sponsored with UCD Health System, May 2009

Moderator, *Health Care Internationally*, World Affairs Council (November 2009)

Health Law Working Group (2010-2016)

Two-Year Road Map for Health Law Curriculum May 2011

Pacific McGeorge Health Planning Conference, June 2014

Pacific McGeorge Health Law Curriculum-Core Competencies for Health Care & Business Lawyers, December 2014

Moderator and Speaker, Pacific McGeorge Capitol Center Lecture Series
End of Life Options Act (April 2015)

Organizer, Senior Financial Health & Safety Fair (April 2013 and October 2016)

Speaker & Developer of *No is a Complete Sentence-* Community Outreach Roadshow addressing Elder Abuse (June 2017 to date)

Director, Elder & Health Law Certificate of Concentration

Organizer and Representative of Law School, UCD School of Medicine (2010 to date)
Development of Interdisciplinary Classes for Medical, Nursing and Law students in areas of health, aging, and bioethics.

Advisory Committee Member, UOP Physician Assistant Program (2015 to date) Hiring committee for PA faculty and staff (2015-2016)

Organizer and Law School Representative, Medical Legal Partnership with WellSpace Health (2017 to date)

UOP Homecoming Community Outreach and Education Program
Giving Someone a Power of Attorney for Your Health Care: It's Not Just for Elders (2017)

Faculty Advisor: McGeorge Health Law Association, National Lawyers Guild

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board Member, International Association of Indigenous Aging
Co-Chair- Sacramento County Financial Abuse Specialist Team
Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
Member, College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers
Member, Society of American Law Teachers
Member, American Bar Association

PERSONAL

Enrolled member of the Shawnee Tribe
Member, Iola Rose Band (keyboard)

Listed among "Sacramento's 40 Top Lawyers" from *The Best Lawyers in America* for over ten years, featured in *Sacramento Magazine*, *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *Daily Recorder*.