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-CURRICULUM VITAE-

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Long Beach
- Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry from Grace Theological Seminary (G.P.A. 3.9/4.00)
- Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California (graduated 9th/135)
- Doctor of Ministry from Reformed Theological Seminary (G.P.A. 3.9/4.00)
- Postgraduate courses at Fuller, New Brunswick and Western Seminaries (Church History, Standards, Polity, Liturgy and Worship; G.P.A. 3.9/4.00).

Other licenses and certifications

- Membership in the California Bar Association
- California Real Estate Broker's license
- Certification as a Family Law Specialist
- Certification as a Real Estate Investment Specialist
- Certification as a Real Estate Management Specialist
- Certification as a Mediator and Arbitrator
- California Lifetime Teaching Credential.

Specialized Church Leadership and Management Training

- Financial Management Certification from the Christian Management Association
- Numerous non-profit management institutes including Christian Management Association, Georgetown University; the Organizational Management Institute (Washington, D.C.) and the Institute for Successful Church Leadership.

Speaking engagements across the United States and abroad

- Executive, Legal and Church Conferences in Moscow, Singapore, Johannesburg, Israel, India, Indonesia, Panama, Jamaica, Canada, the United Kingdom and throughout Latin America.
- Mission trips throughout the world.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Church Administration: Since the Spring of 1991, involved in Church, Denomination and Para-Church Administration including:

- Serving as the Director of Corporate Services/General Counsel for Campus Crusade for Christ (1991-1993)
- Organizing and directing Campus Crusade's Legal Ministry International
- Served as General Counsel to the Administrative Team of Crystal Cathedral (1992-1993)
- Serving heavily in various ministries within the church, including the Men's Ministry, Care Ministry (*establishing the Alzheimer's/Dementia Ministry*) and serving as part of the Ministry Team. Currently, serving as the Lead Pastor for the Sunday evening service.
- Serving as General Counsel and Assistant to the Executive Director of Churches Uniting in Global

Mission (CUGM)

- Served as Chairman of the Reformed Church in America Classis Financial Committee
- Served as Classis Administrator for the Reformed Churches in Southern California
- Served on the RCA Commission on Judicial Business and the Commission on Church Unity
- Ordained as a Minister in the Reformed Church of America.

Attorney at Law: Admitted to practice in California and before the U.S. District Court in 1965, and before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1993. Have served as

- Executive Director of the Grandparents Rights Center
- General Counsel to the Crystal Cathedral
- General Counsel and Director of Property Management for Campus Crusade for Christ (1991-1993)
- General Counsel to Churches Uniting in Global Mission (CUGM)
- Classis Administrator/Stated Clerk for the Classis of California-Reformed Church in America
- **Note:** *Currently serving as consultant and conciliator to churches and religious non-profit corporations under the auspices of "TheChurchCounsel.com"*

University Law Professor:

- Associate Professor of Business and Real Estate Law, California State University (1965-1986); Lecturer in Religious Studies, California State University (2010).
- Adjunct Professor at Simon Greenleaf (now Trinity) University (1994 - Present) - *specializing in Apologetics and courses relating to the teachings of Francis Schaffer and C.S. Lewis.*
- Teacher in the MAT (Ministry Associates Training) Program of the Reformed Church in America.
- Instructor at California Graduate School of Theology.

Judge Pro Tem/Mediator:

- Service on the American Arbitration Panel 1965-1985
- Arbitrator and Judge Pro Tem for the Los Angeles County Superior Court (1991-1995)
- Currently — Certified Conciliator with the Institute of Christian Conciliation, serving as mediator and/or arbitrator.

International Legal Ministry:

- Founder and Executive Director of the Legal Ministry International, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Education Activities: Served on:

- University Advisory Board for California State University (C.S.U.L.B.) for six years
- Business Advisory Board for Long Beach City College
- West Coast Advisory Board for Grace Theological Seminary
- Alumni Association President at C.S.U.L.B. for two terms
- Director of C.S.U.L.B.'s Law Alumni Affairs for six years
- General Counsel/Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees to Simon Greenleaf (*now Trinity*) University for five years.
- Named *Alumnus Of The Year*, California State University Long Beach School of Liberal Art.

CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL, AND CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES

Professional Affiliations:

- California Bar Association: Long Beach Barrister President, Board of Governors (six years)
- Chamber of Commerce: President-Seal Beach, California (two terms)
- Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (two years)
- Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year in 1987
- Kiwanis International: Club President, Lt. Governor, Kiwanian of the Year
- Who's Who Biographical Listings: Who's Who in California; Who's Who in the West, International Who's Who in Community Services and Who's Who of American Lawyers
- Various voluntary positions within the Alzheimer's Association.

Publications:

- U.S.C. Law Journal
- Christian Legal Society Quarterly (U.S.A.)
- Christian Law Journal (Canada)

- Christian Law Journal (Canada)
- Lawyers Christian Fellowship Journal (Great Britain)
- the Forum (Moscow).

Church Affiliation: Ordained Minister (Reformed Church in America). Have served as General Counsel to the Crystal Cathedral (R.C.A.) and have served as Classis Administrator/Stated Clerk and Chairman of the Financial Review Committee for the Southern California Reformed Churches in America.

Currently, serving as the Lead Pastor for the Crystal Cathedral Sunday Evening Service. Other services include, adjunct Chaplain for the Department of Veteran Affairs (USV#14987), as Counsel for the RCA Classis of California, the R.C.A. Commission on Judicial Business, and the R.C.A. Commission on Church Unity. Have also served as Chaplain/Major in the California State Military Reserve.

Personal References

Dr. Steve Douglass, President (Campus Crusade For Christ)
Dr. Luder Whitlock, President (Reformed Theological Seminary)
Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., President Emeritus (Grace Theological Seminary)
Samuel Casey, Executive Director of Advocates International
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