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JUDICIAL POSITION

Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA
Judge – appointed November 6, 2008
Dependency Court – January 2011 to present
Commissioner, Family Court – July 2005 to November 2008

TEACHING

Southwestern School of Law, Los Angeles, CA
Adjunct Professor of Law, Spring 2002 to present
"Children and the Law," 2002 to present
"Community Property," 2010

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Pellman, Jacobs and Reiner, *A Child-Centered Response to the Elkins Family Law Task Force*, **William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal**, 20(1) WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 81 (2011).
- Pellman, *The Children of Divorce*, **Gavel to Gavel**, Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Magazine (Summer/Fall 2009).
- Pellman and Patton, *The Reality of Concurrent Planning: Juggling Multiple Family Plans Expeditiously Without Sufficient Resources*, **UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy**, Vol. 9, No. 1, p.171 (Winter 2005).
- Pellman, *California Juvenile Dependency Practice*, **Chap. 3, Referral, Investigation and Detention** (2d ed Cal CEB 2003) Revised annually.
- Pellman, *Symposium Abstracts*, **4 Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy**, p. 90 (Fall 2004).
- Pellman, Krinsky and Weisz, *Finding a Place in Your Heart for Foster Kids*, **Los Angeles Daily Journal**, Forum Column (November 21, 2002).
- Pellman, *The ABC's of the Los Angeles Children's Court* (June 1994). Revised annually.

SELECTED JUDICIAL LECTURES AND SEMINARS

- **CHILD WITNESSES: The days of "Children should be seen and not heard are gone"**. Oct. 2012
Presenter, Judicial Education Webinar.
- **ADJUSTING TO CHANGE: Juvenile Dependency/Delinquency 101**. Oct. 2012
Presenter, CFLR Advanced Family Law Course.
- **ADVOKIDS' Multi-Disciplinary Symposium**, May 2012
Keynote Speaker, Early Childhood Mental Health & Development: Science Driving Practice in Juvenile Dependency Court.
- **The Rutter Group**, August 2011
Presenter, CFLR Advanced Family Law Course.
- **Southwestern School of Law**, Los Angeles, CA
Keynote Speaker, August 2008: First Year Students Welcome.
- **UCLA School of Public Affairs**, October 2007
Keynote Speaker, Senior Fellows Annual Breakfast.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- **Southwestern School of Law**
Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005
- **UCLA School of Public Policy**
Senior Fellow, 2004 to present
- **American Bar Association**
Child Advocacy Law Award, 2003
- **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**
Commendation for Child Advocacy Award, 2003

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- **Judicial Council of California – Administrative Office of the Courts**
Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee, member, Nov. 2012 to present
Juvenile Law Curriculum Committee, member, Nov. 2012 to present
- **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**
Psychotropic Medication Committee, Vice Chair, Sept. to present
- **Edelman’s Children’s Court, Court Scholar’s Committee**
Chair, July to present

EDUCATION AND BAR ADMISSION

- **City University of New York Law School**, Queens, NY
Juris Doctor, 1987
- **Mount Holyoke College**, South Hadley, MA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1982
- State Bar of New York, 1988
- State Bar of California, 1992

RELEVANT LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- **The Alliance for Children’s Rights**, Los Angeles, CA
Legal Director, May 2000 to July 2005
Directed and supervised legal work on all impact litigation and direct services for children in foster care and low income families; Areas of practice included health care, adoption, legal guardianship, and special education.
- **Dependency Court Legal Services, (“Children’s Law Center of California”)**, Los Angeles, CA
Appellate Attorney / Senior Attorney, November 1993 – May 2000
Sole appellate attorney for law firm of twenty-nine lawyers; researched, wrote and argued writ petitions at Court of Appeal, Second District. Represented children and parents in all phases of dependency legal practice.
- **United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, NY**
Law Clerk, January 1989 to July 1990
Appellate Attorney / Senior Attorney, November 1993 – May 2000