

PROFESSOR JOHN HEILMAN

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## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL**

2017-present

Professor of Law

2012-2017

Co-Director of Academic Success and Bar Related  
Programs and Professor of Law

SBA 2012-13 Excellence in Teaching Award

SBA 2013-14 Excellence in Teaching Award

SBA 2014-15 Excellence in Teaching Award

SBA 2015-16 Excellence in Teaching Award

SBA 2016-17 Excellence in Teaching Award

### **USC LAW CENTER**

1994-2025

Adjunct Professor of Law

- Assisted in the development and presentation of bar preparation workshops for at-risk students.
- Developed specialized courses for LL.M. students.
- Selected by students as Adjunct Professor of the Year on several occasions.

### **UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW**

2024-present

Visiting Professor of Law

### **UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW**

Spring 2021

Visiting Professor of Law

### **BAR-BRI Professional Corporation**

1986-2018

Staff Attorney and Lecturer

- Instructor for essay writing and performance exam course for bar applicants in California and Arizona.
- Developed individualized study programs for bar applicants.

### **WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL**

1999-2012

Distinguished Teaching Professor of Law

1990-1999

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

1987-1990

Legal Writing Instructor

- Developed and implemented exam writing program for all first-year students.
- Selected as Professor of the Year in 1993, 1996, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010.
- Helped develop and implement bar examination preparation program.
- Founder of Summer Abroad program on Sexual Orientation Law.

Strote, Graubart & Ashley

1984-1987

Associate in general litigation firm.

Taylor, Roth & Hunt

1982-1984

Associate in general litigation firm.

## EDUCATION

University of Southern California, School of Public Policy, Planning and Administration  
Masters in Real Estate Development awarded in May 2009

University of Southern California, School of Public Policy, Planning and Administration  
Masters in Public Administration awarded in May 2007

University of Southern California Law Center

J.D. awarded in May 1982

- Notes and Articles Editor, Southern California Law Review.
- Recipient, Shattuck Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Law Center.

Northwestern University

B.S. in Journalism awarded in June 1978

- National Merit Scholar

## COURSES TAUGHT

Torts

Civil Procedure

Criminal Law

Evidence

Real Property

Contracts

Remedies

Community Property

Criminal Procedure

Legal Analysis

Professional Responsibility

Local Government Law

Sexual Orientation Law

AIDS and International Law

Topics in American Law

Intro to US Legal Systems

Topics in Legal Analysis

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Mayor, City of West Hollywood

1985-1986, 1990-1991, 1995-1996, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2006-2007, 2010-2011, 2017-2018

- U.S. Conference of Mayors award for outstanding AIDS programs.

City Council Member, City of West Hollywood

November 1984-December 2020; December 2022-present

- Served on committee which incorporated the city.
- Served on first city council. Responsible for hiring initial staff and developing operating policies and procedures.
- Developed city's general plan and zoning ordinance.
- Developed city's landmark rent stabilization ordinance.
- Developed city's AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance.

Board Member, ACLU of Southern California

1981-1999

Board Member, Local Government Commission

1986-1999

Member, National League of Cities Human Development Committee

1991-2000

Board Member, National League of Cities

2000-2002

Board Member, League of California Cities

2000-2002

Member, National League of Cities Advisory Committee

2003-2009

Member, National League of Cities Legal Committee

2003-2020

Member of the Board of Directors, Jacaranda Foundation (School for children orphaned by AIDS in Malawi)

Served as President from 2012-2017

Currently serving as Secretary

Member of the Board, Outright International