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**EMPLOYMENT**

- **Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California**
  - **Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills, June 2021 to present**
    - Develop course plans and teach students Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills.
    - Serve on the Externship Committee and its Law Firm subcommittee.
    - Serve on the Dean's Task Force for Equity, Inclusion & Belonging's Innovation & Audit Subcommittee.
    - Serve on the Hiring Committee.
    - Serve as Faculty Advisor to the First Generation Law Students Association.
  
- **Irvine School of Law, Cerritos, California**
  - **Associate Professor, May 2021 to July 2021**
    - Developed course plans and taught students Trusts.
  
- **City of Torrance City Attorney's Office, Torrance, California**
  - **Deputy City Attorney, Civil Division, June 2008 to June 2020**
    - Analyzed, prepared, and defended the city in civil litigation matters including personal injury, civil rights-related lawsuits, and wrongful death cases.
    - Prepared ordinances and resolutions.
    - Provided general municipal law advice, including but not limited to public meetings, conflicts of interest, and public records issues.
    - Served as counsel to the Claims Review Board and Civil Service Commission.
    - Trained and supervised legal interns and externs.
  - **Courtroom Deputy, Criminal Division, January 2004 to June 2008**
    - Analyzed, prepared, and prosecuted misdemeanor criminal cases from the filing of complaints through trials and appeals.
  - **Law Clerk/Extern, May to August 2001**
    - Conducted extensive legal research.
    - Presided over parking citation appeals.

- **Robie & Matthai Law Offices**, Los Angeles, California
  - **Attorney and Law Clerk**, May 2001 to January 2004
    - Prepared and filed various motions and oppositions to motions.
    - Propounded and responded to written discovery.
    - Prepared preliminary reports to clients, letters to clients and opposing counsel, and memorandum to partners on legal and factual issues.
    - Attended and argued various motions, case management conferences, and settlement conferences.
- **United States District Court – Central District**, Los Angeles, California
  - **Law Clerk/Extern for the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson, U.S. District Court Judge**, January to April 2001
    - Analyzed various motions, drafted bench memoranda, and attended trials and hearings.
- **Los Angeles County Superior Court**, Compton, California
  - **Law Clerk/Extern for the Honorable Allen Webster, Jr., Los Angeles Superior Court Judge**, January to April 2000
    - Analyzed various motions, drafted bench memoranda, and attended trials and hearings.

## **PUBLICATION**

- Robie, James R., **Thompson-Bell, Della D.** (Fall 2003) “Collapse – Evolution of Definitions in Property Insurance.” *Society of Claim Law Associates News*.

## **GUEST LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND TRAINING**

- **Presenter**, IDEA Committee Faculty Roundtable, *Technologies in the Classroom*, Southwestern Law School, April 25, 2022.
- **Presenter**, A Night of Storytelling, Southwestern Law School, January 30, 2022.
- **Guest Lecturer**, Municipal Law Seminar, Southwestern Law School, January 19, 2022.
- **Trainer**, Torrance Police Department, *Sergeant Training Day, Risk Management*, January 31, 2018.
- **Trainer**, City of Torrance, *Assembly Bill 1234 Ethics Training*, October 6, 2016.
- **Trainer**, City of Torrance Commissioner Training, *The Brown Act*, September 15, 2016, March 31, 2015, and October 2008.
- **Presenter**, Torrance Police Department Field Training Officer Workshop, *Report Writing, and Other Concerns*, July 23, 2014, and July 25, 2012.

- **Trainer**, Torrance Environmental Quality Officers, *Administrative Warrant Inspections*, October 24, 2013.
- **Presenter**, National Association of University Women, *Legal Resources - More Than You Thought*, February 2, 2013.
- **Panelist**, League of Women Voters of Torrance Area, *How Women in Public Service Balance Demanding Positions and Home Life*, October 20, 2010.
- **Trainer**, Torrance Police Department Field Training Officer Patrol School, *Courtroom Testimony*, December 23, 2008, April 3, 2008, February 6, 2007, November 24, 2006, and July 25, 2006.
- **Presenter**, Del Amo Fashion Center's Loss Prevention Seminar, November 29, 2007, and November 30, 2006.
- **Trainer**, Torrance Environmental Quality Officers, *Courtroom Testimony*, May 15, 2006.

## EDUCATION

- **Southwestern University School of Law**, Los Angeles, California
  - *Juris Doctor*, 2002
  - Research/Special Projects Editor, *Southwestern Journal of Law and Trade in the Americas*
  - Dean's List
- **California State University Dominguez Hills**, Carson, California
  - *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*, 1987

## BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Admitted to Practice in the United States Supreme Court
- Admitted to Practice in California State Supreme Court
- Admitted to Practice in the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit
- Admitted to Practice in the United States District Court of California for the Central District
- Admitted to Practice in the United States District Court of California for the Eastern District
- Admitted to Practice in the United States District Court of California for the Southern District
- Member of the American Bar Association
- Member of the American Inns of Court, Southwestern Law School Chapter, Master of the Bench

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