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Phillip Feldman, B.S., M.B.A., J.D., A.V. only represents professionals, principally lawyers. His fields are: Professional Liability & Responsibility; Legal Malpractice Expert Consultations; Expert Witness Testimony-Legal Malpractice, Ethics, Fee Disputes et al; Attorney Discipline Defense and Risk Management. He represents professionals with discipline problems and preventative law, performs risk management audits, and serves as coverage counsel for all professionals regarding their Errors & Omissions insurance policies.

Born: Brooklyn, New York

Messenger, United Lawyers Service, Manhattan, New York City at the age of 14. (Family lawyer suggested: "Take Latin and work there after school.")

Valedictorian, Dorsey, Los Angeles, 1949, inducted into their Hall of Fame 1987;

Scholarship, Pepperdine College 1949; U.C.L.A. 1950; B.S. Accounting Cal State 1956; M.B.A., U.S.C., 1963; J.D., U.S.C. 1966 (V.P. Sr. evening class). Admitted CA bar, pro haec vice other jurisdictions.

Combat infantry leader, United States Army, Korean Conflict 1951-1954. Executive in industry through 1966 including: Accountant, M. Koffman, C.P.A. & Packard-Bell; Contracts Supervisor, Collins Radio Co.; Manager of Budgets, Reports & Procedures, Radio Corporation of America; Administrator Federal/State project "Application of Aerospace Techniques to the Solution of Social Problems" and "Prevention and Control of Crime & Delinquency in California", Space General Corp. (Aerojet); Manager Contract Writing, McDonnell Douglas Corporation.

After obtaining two evening study degrees from U.S.C., he commenced representing clients against their attorneys or former attorneys upon admission to the California Bar in 1967 and in addition was an ethics prosecutor for the State Bar (today he defends lawyers before State Bars). From that time to the present, he has supervised other attorneys and personally handled substantial numbers of legal malpractice cases in all phases of transaction and litigation. He is defense counsel on behalf of professionals in professional negligence and disciplinary matters and has always practiced on both sides of the Bar. Admitted U.S. District Court 1967, U.S. Supreme Court 1984. His activity in Bar discipline continues his proficiency in Ethics and State Bar defense. His State Bar defense includes admissions, discipline, states other than California and consulting.

In professional liability and professional responsibility, he consults in preventative law and risk management.

For over 28 years, his expert assignments locally and nationally for "underlying matters" have involved both TRANSACTIONAL AND LITIGATION malpractice (prosecution or defense). Specific fields include: every aspect of real property including acquisition, sale, encumbrance/security, development and construction; all aspects of commercial, corporate and partnership, contracts and disputes; securities, mergers; buy/sell; general and speciality fields of law including: accounting; insurance; wills, trusts, and probate; family, matrimonial, dissolution, divorce, adoption, domestic partners; professional malpractice (Board certified in medical and legal (ABA)), insurance, real estate, dental, accounting; product liability, premise liability; toxic torts, intentional torts; negligence; criminal; workers compensation, employment, wrongful termination; bankruptcy; sexual offenses; bad faith, et al. This listing is not all inclusive and includes testimony on standard of care, standard of conduct, informed consent, breach of fiduciary duties, proximate, legal, and actual cause. As a practicing senior partner involved in transactions and litigation and sole practitioner thereafter, his Forty (40) years in the specialties of Professional Liability and Professional Responsibility required his undertaking hands-on, direct, personal experience advocating in many of the above fields. His consultation practice requires assisting in personal research and problem solving in most of the "speciality" areas of law today which used to be part of the general practitioner's portfolio. A board-certified specialist in Professional Negligence (legal malpractice) is, after all, the profession's closest thing to "a general practitioner" required to continually keep abreast of the dynamics of "the law".

A Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys since 1981, former Chair, Ninth Circuit and Professional Negligence-Legal Certifications, he is presently privileged to serve on that association's Board of Bar Governors. He wrote about one third of the Continuing Education of the Bar book, "How to Recognize and Handle Non Medical Malpractice" and taught its U.C.L.A., et al. sessions. He has lectured diverse Bar associations and other groups of professionals on the subject for over 30 years, and has arbitrated attorney-client disputes for the Los Angeles County Bar Association for 30 years. He has served as Arbitrator, Mediator, Court Settlement Officer, Civility Referee, Judge Pro Tem (27 years), Professional Malpractice litigator, consultant, lecturer, presenter, and moderator for both national and local Bar Associations.

Mr. Feldman's credentials make him a popular reviewing and testifying expert witness in legal malpractice and ethics litigation for both sides of the Bar. (He also provides other legal malpractice experts to the profession.) He has been an expert in most US jurisdictions.

ETHICS EXPERIENCE

Former Examiner (Prosecutor), State Bar of California
Present Defense Counsel for Attorney/Respondents before CA Bar
Present consultant on ethics and disciplinary matters, all jurisdictions.
(See Organizations)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Judge Pro Tem 27 years
CA Superior Court
Ca Municipal Court
Ca Workers Compensation Appeals Board
Ca Small Claims Court

Settlement Officer, CA Superior Court
Civility Referee, CA Superior Court
Mediator, Attorney-Attorney disputes
Arbitrator, Attorney-Client Disputes 30 years, LA County Bar Association

EDUCATION:

New Utrecht High School, NYC, New York (English Honor Society)
Dorsey High School, LA, CA (Valedictorian) (Hall of Fame)
Pepperdine (Scholarship)
LACC
UCLA
Cal State LA; B.S.
U.S.C.; M.B.A. (Night Program)
U.S.C.; J.D. (Night Program) V.P.Senior Class

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

Messenger, United Lawyers Service, Manhattan, New York City at the age of 14. (Family lawyer suggested: "Take Latin and work there after school.")
Combat Infantry Leader, United States Army
P.Feldman Book-Keeping Service
Accountant, M.Koffman Chartered Public Accountant, CPA
Engineering Fiscal Coordinator, Hoffman Electronics Corporation
Contract Supervisor, Collins Radio Company
Manager, Budgets, Reports & Procedures, Radio Corporation of America
Accountant, Packard- Bell
Administrator, Federal/State Project (Solution of Social Problems Using Aerospace Techniques; Prevention & Control of Crime & Delinquency) Space General Corporation of Aeorojet-General Corp.
Manager, Contract Writing, Asst. Mgr. Procurement, McDonnell Douglas Corporation

ORGANIZATIONS

Scouts of America, Y, President, Centaurs Social-Athletic Club, English Book Room Honor Society, New Utrecht H.S.; Captain, Debate Team, Dorsey H.S.; United States Army (Combat Leader); Sigma Chi Alpha (Accounting); Treasurer, Alpha Kappa Psi (National Business); Phi Alpha Delta (Law); Los Angeles County Bar Association - 36 years: Former State Bar Delegate, three years; Attorneys Errors and Omissions Committee; Professional Responsibility & Ethics Committee; (Formerly: Committee on Professionalism; Litigation Section - Trial Practice Inn of Court, Group Insurance Committee, State Appellate Judicial Evaluation Committee, Business Law Section and Evaluation of Professional Standards Committee; State Bar Committee; Executive Committee Workers' Compensation Section); Arbitrator or Mediator Attorney Fee Disputes (29 years). Beverly Hills Bar Association (36 years); (Formerly: Family Law, Federal Courts

Committees). San Fernando Valley Bar (36 years) - Former Chair: Professional Responsibility & Ethics, Litigation, Workers' Compensation & Speaker's Committees; Former Delegate State Bar. Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (Professional Liability Section); Attorney Discipline Defense Counsel; Lawyer's Professional Liability Bar Association (Co-founder, Executive Board); Ventura County Bar Association (formerly Ethics Committee, Trial Lawyers); Orange County Bar Association; California Bar Association; Consumer Attorneys of California (formerly California Trial Lawyers Association) (recognized as an experienced trial and appellate attorney and experienced in professional negligence); Stalwart, Association of Trial Lawyers of America (formerly Medicine and Law & Torts and Insurance Practice Committees); American Bar Association (& Affiliates): Chair Certification Committee, Professional Negligence-Legal ABPLA (Board of Governors, Former Chair 9th Circuit); National Legal Malpractice Data Center; Member and Presenter "Ethics 2000"; Center For Professional Responsibility; Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers; Board Certified Specialist, Professional Negligence-Legal & Medical, ABPLA/American Bar Association, CA.; American Inns of Court (National Member); Fellow: Roscoe Pound Institute & American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, Board Member Selective Service System (Chair), USA. PLUS

HONORS

English Honor Society, New Utrecht H.S.; Scholarship , Pepperdine; California Senate Resolution for illustrious record of professional accomplishment; California State Assembly for outstanding service to legal community; Who's Who in America..

LAW FIRMS

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