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CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL **October 2006 - Present**
Law Offices of Fleishman & Weisman, PC **San Jose, CA**

President responsible for all legal activities and representations of the law firm. Additionally, the firm is staffed with four paralegals and a business manager. With over thirty years of combined legal experience, our office specializes in all forms of Conservatorships, Special Needs Trusts, Guardianships, Law for the Developmentally Disabled, Estate Planning, Probate, Personal Injury, Elder Law, and litigation related to these legal areas.

SENIOR ATTORNEY **April 1997 - July 2006**
Rankin, Landsness, Lahde, Serverian & Stock **San Jose, CA**

Developed estate and business planning department of the firm. Devoted to taxation and wealth transfer planning, the practice includes consulting with business, individual and special needs clients through each stage of the planning process to ensure the client thoroughly understands the entire planning concept. Recognize advanced areas of estate planning that are of benefit to clients beyond the basic living trust, utilizing a tax background that allows realizing and implementing the optimal solution to complex estate planning and business planning matters.

Responsible for managing all aspects of civil litigation, both at trial and through the appellate process. Includes conducting depositions, arbitrations, mediations, & trials. Specialized in identifying and defeating fraudulent claims, while defending individuals, large and small corporations, municipalities and insurance carriers.

On behalf of the firm, also serves as Pro Tem Judge for Santa Clara County settlement conferences.

ATTORNEY **September 1997 - December 2000**
Mullen & Sproul, LLP **Walnut Creek, CA**

Managed and advised estate planning clients of estate planning firm in Walnut Creek. Responsibilities included marketing, presenting seminars, consulting with clients through each stage of the estate planning process, drafting estate planning documents and working in conjunction with other professionals involved in the estate planning process.

**ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY
McLemore, Collins & Toschi**

**March 1995 - April 1997
Oakland, CA**

Responsible for handling all aspects of civil litigation with an insurance defense firm, including researching and drafting pretrial motions, drafting complaints and answers, conducting discovery, interviewing clients, making court appearances, negotiating settlements, handling arbitrations, writing and arguing appeals, and trying a jury trial resulting in a defense verdict.

**ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY
Adkins & Morris**

**August 1994 - March 1995
Oakland, CA**

Responsible for handling all aspects of civil litigation, including researching and drafting pretrial motions, drafting complaints and answers, conducting discovery, interviewing clients, making court appearances and negotiating settlements.

**JUDICIAL EXTERN
California Court of Appeals**

**January 1994 - May 1994
San Francisco, CA**

Position entailed working on appeals in a wide range of civil and criminal cases. Primary responsibilities included reading the briefs, reviewing the record, investigating the legal authorities, and drafting proposed opinions for the court.

**LEGAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Golden Gate University School of Law**

**May 1992 - May 1994
San Francisco, CA**

Assisted Director of Research and Writing, by composing and evaluating law student assignments, including conducting legal research, writing legal memoranda, and advising the Director of the feasibility of various assignments.

EDUCATION

**Golden Gate University School of Law
San Francisco, California**

August 1991 – May 1994

**Master of Laws (LLM), Taxation, December, 1998, Honors
Juris Doctor Degree, May, 1994, High Honors**

- Class Rank: top 3%
- Law Review: Editor *Women's Law Forum*, 1993-94
- Law Review: Staff Member 1992-93
- Merit Scholarship Award

- Semi-Finalist for Appellate Advocacy Oral Arguments, Spring 1993
- National ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition, Spring 1994
- Dean's Honor Roll
- American Jurisprudence Award: Writing & Research, Evidence, Wills & Trusts
- Legal Publications: Law Review, author Reforms in Medical Device Regulation: An Examination of The Silicone Gel Breast Implant Debacle, 23 *Golden Gate Law Rev.* 973 (1993).

Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Arts, English, May 1984

- Honors: Jaffe-Brandeis Scholarship
- Activities: Women's Varsity Soccer Team, Varsity Swim Team