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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Richard J. Foster-Seal Beach, California (11/08 to present)

General litigation and transactional practice including representation of sports personalities, individuals and business entities. Practice areas include contract negotiation, licensing, unfair competition, employment discrimination, construction and general business disputes.

California State University at Long Beach - Long Beach, California (12/02 to present)

Instructor of *Sports Law and Ethics* in University's Graduate Program in Sports Management.

Cameron, Pearlson & Foster - Long Beach, California (11/00 to 11/08)

Litigation and transactional practice representing individuals, sports personalities, and business entities in matters involving contracts, licensing, unfair competition, wrongful termination, commercial real property and construction disputes.

Paone Callahan McHolm & Winton LLP - Irvine, California (8/93 to 11/00)

Partner and head of litigation group. General emphasis in business and real estate litigation. Also handled various construction and sports law matters.

Case, Knowlson, Mobley, Burnett & Lubert - Irvine, California (8/90 to 8/93)

Litigation Partner. General emphasis in business and real estate litigation. Also handled various products liability, premises liability, sports law, and construction matters.

Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison - Los Angeles, California (5/85 to 8/90)

Senior litigation associate for large international law firm. Emphasis in business, real estate, sports law, products liability, construction and banking litigation.

Lawler, Felix & Hall - Los Angeles and Irvine, California (9/81 to 5/85)

Associate in second oldest law firm in Los Angeles. General business and real estate litigation practice.

Author

Biographer of Olympic champion, Mark Spitz: *Mark Spitz: The Incredible Life of an Olympic Champion*. Santa Monica Press (2008).

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School - Los Angeles, California (J.D., 1981)

Staff Member of Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review. Dean's Honor List. Finalist - Loyola Trial Advocacy Competition.

University of Southern California - Los Angeles, California (M.P.A., 1977)

Emphasis in intergovernmental relations. Study included internships in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (Sacramento) and League of California Cities (Los Angeles).

Long Beach State University - Long Beach, California (B.A., 1974)

Double major in Political Science and Rhetorical Theory. Activities and awards included: Dean's Honor Roll, Captain-Varsity Water Polo (4th Place, NCAA Championships) and University Representative to the Long Beach City Council.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Long Beach Sports Council

President and Member of Board of Directors of organization formed to promote economic development in the Long Beach area through sporting events.

Aquatics Capital of America (2009 to present)

Committee member and President of organization formed to promote aquatic events in Long Beach.

Los Angeles Sports Council (2002 to present)

Ex-Officio Board Member.

Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (Court of Arbitration for Sport)

Member of Mediation Panel of international organization devoted to the settlement of sports-related disputes.

United States Olympic Committee

Board Member, 1992 to 1996.

United States Water Polo, Inc.

President of the National Governing Body for the Olympic sport of water polo from 1990 to 1996, and 2000 to 2006. General Counsel from 1982 to 1990. Board Member and volunteer since 1981. As President, responsible for supervising staff members and managing three-million-dollar annual budget. Selected to the United States Water Polo Hall of Fame. Recipient of U.S. Water Polo Award (highest award presented by U.S. Water Polo, Inc.) and Paragon Award (presented by the International Swimming Hall of Fame for contributions to the sport of water polo).

U.S. Olympic Swim Trials

Chairman of local organizing committee for the 2004 Olympic Swim Trials in Long Beach, California.

Federation Internationale De Natation Amateur (F.I.N.A.)

(F.I.N.A. is the international governing body for the four Olympic aquatic sports: Swimming, Diving, Synchronized Swimming and Water Polo). Appointed Vice-Chair of the FINA Technical Water Polo Committee 2009 to 2013. U.S. Delegate to the FINA Congress at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and to the FINA Congress at the 2009 FINA World Championships in Rome. U.S. Delegate to the 1996 F.I.N.A Extraordinary Congress in Berlin. Board Member for FINA World League Council.

Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas (ASUA)

Vice President and Executive Council member of Continental Governing Body for Aquatic Sports, 2003 to 2007.

United State Aquatic Sports (USAS)

President of governing body for United States Aquatic Sports (Swimming, Diving, Water Polo and Synchronized Swimming) 2006 to 2010.