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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1993 to Present

Law Offices of TARA SELVER, Los Angeles, CA; Gig Harbor, WA

Criminal defense and appellate practice in state and federal courts with substantial experience in both direct appeals and habeas corpus proceedings. Accomplished and effective criminal attorney in a wide variety of cases ranging from environmental and white collar crime to serious and violent felonies including multiple count murders. Practice consists of complex litigation of state law claims and state and federal constitutional issues at both the trial and appellate levels.

- **Reversal:** *People v. Valera*, 2008 WL 1087943 (unpublished): **8 sex offense counts – 25 to life.**
- **Reversal:** *People v. Trejo*, 2007 WL 841345 (unpublished): **2nd degree murder – 15 to life.**
- **Remand for re-sentencing:** *USA v. Williams*, 101 Fed.Appx. 435 (C.A. 5 (La.)) (unpublished)
- **Reversal:** *People v. Munoz*, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate Dist., Div. 4, May 10, 2000 (unpublished): **attempted carjacking & related offenses – 5 yrs.**
- **Reversal:** *People v. Cerna*, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate Dist., Div. 2, May 3, 2000 (unpublished): **9 sex offense counts – 48 years.**
- **Remand for re-sentencing:** *People v. Mowatt*, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate Dist., Div. 4, November 9, 2000 (unpublished)

- Astute at raising issues of legal importance and significance as evidenced by numerous published decisions.
- Co-counsel in death penalty and special circumstances cases.

1990-1994

Law Offices of BRADLEY Wm. BRUNON, Los Angeles, California Associate

Complex criminal defense litigation; white collar crime. Cases included:

- "Southwest Crew" trial: L.A. deputy sheriffs accused of civil rights violations.
- "Alliance" trial: RICO trial of attorneys accused of defrauding insurance companies of \$200 million.

1987-1988

GILBERT & SACKMAN, Los Angeles, California Associate

Labor law practice primarily in employee relations, Title VII, ERISA.

1985-1987

KOOL, KOOL, BLOOMFIELD & HOLLIS, Albuquerque, New Mexico Associate and Law Clerk

General civil practice - primarily labor law.

- Argued before the New Mexico Supreme Court, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, federal and state trial courts.

- *Admitted to the State Bar of California, the State Bar of New Mexico, and the Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits*
- *Well-versed in computer database legal research including WESTLAW, JURISEARCH, LEXIS, FORECITE*

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2005-2006

Member By Invitation, Zonta International, Kauai

Women in business organized to advance the status of women worldwide

2001-2002

Co-director, South Bay Chapter, California Appellate Defense Counsel

1995-1997

Volunteer

Lance Helms Network for the Rights of Children, Los Angeles, California

Work to support reform of laws governing permanency planning and foster care.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

- 1994-1995 Instructor**
Catherine College of Business - Paralegal School, Panorama City, California
Taught advanced course: "Legal Research and Writing II."
- 1985-1986 Honorary Lecturer**
Anderson School of Management, Univ. of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
"Labor Law and Legislation" (Graduate Course).
- 1984-1985 Student Representative**
University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, New Mexico
New Mexico State Bar Committee on Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Published Opinion**, U.S.A. v. Williams, 517 F.3d 801, (5th Cir. 2008)
- **Published Opinion**, People v. Jones (2002) 103 Cal.App.4th 1139
- **Published Opinion**, Alvarado v. Superior Court (2000) 23 Cal.4th 1121
- **Published Opinion**, People v. Ramsey (2000) 79 Cal.App. 4th 621
- **Published Opinion**, U.S.A. v. Anderson, 79 F.3d 1522 (9th Cir. 1996)
- **Co-author**, Chapter on "Controlled Substances Offenses," West's California Criminal Law (1995)
- **Published Opinion**, CWA v. Adams, 125 LRRM 2395 (1987)
- **Author**, Bowen v. USPS: The United States Supreme Court Alters National Labor Policy; 16 New Mexico Law Review No. 1 (1986)
- **Editor**, Women, Crime & Society: A Critique of Theoretical Criminology; N.Y.: Longman (1982)

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 1980-1982 Administrative Consultant to Governor Bruce King**
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Re-structured state agency procedures to implement 1981 New Mexico Liquor Control Act.
 - Interpreted new law to determine applicants' eligibility for newly created liquor licenses.
 - Represented Department in contested license actions.
- 1980-1982 Legislative Analyst to State Liquor Director James R. Baca**
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Worked in conjunction with numerous government offices to draft omnibus liquor law legislation.
 - Created "Handbook" of relevant statistics and background information to support Department's legislative program.
 - Testified before legislative committees and the New Mexico State Senate.
 - Acted as Department's media correspondent; community liaison.

EDUCATION

- 1985 Juris Doctor:** University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Honors: - New Mexico Law Review, member.
 - Law Review casenote selected for inclusion on Westlaw database.
- 1978 A.B. Cum Laude:** Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York
Honors: - Departmental Honors (for thesis and GPA)
 - General Honors (for overall GPA)

Education Abroad:

- La Faculté des Lettres, Aix-en-Provence, France
- Royal University of Malta, Valetta, Malta
- Collège des Terraux, Neuchâtel, Switzerland