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### **Executive Summary:**

From 1984 to 1997, I was the principal of a seven-attorney law firm that became Aronoff & Soukup. It specialized in Commercial and Real Estate litigation, Bankruptcy and landlord tenant law. Since April 1997 I have had an independent practice, associating with many law firms as lead counsel on a number of large litigation and bankruptcy matters.

### **Education:**

University of California at Berkeley (B.A., Magna Cum Laude, 1973);  
University of Denver (J.D., 1976). Senior Editor, Denver Law Forum, (1975-1976).

### **Certifications:**

Certified Specialist, Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy Law, The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization (1994-2005).

Certified Specialist, Business Bankruptcy Law, American Board of Certification (1994-2001).

### **Judicial Activities:**

Judge Pro Tem: Los Angeles Superior Court (1999- ); Los Angeles Municipal Court, (1981-1999); Beverly Hills Municipal Court, (1981-1999 ); Santa Monica Municipal Court, (1987-1999 ); Culver City Municipal Court, (1989-1999).

Arbitrator for the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program Beverly Hills Bar Association (1995-) California State Bar (2006-2010)

### **Seminars:**

*Admit What You Do Not Know: Common Evidentiary Mistakes in Bankruptcy Court*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, January 21, 2016

*The Middle Game in Adversary Proceedings: Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26 and Crafting the Pre-Trial Order*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, March 26, 2015

*Avoiding Powers: Preferences; Fraudulent Transfers; and Other Such Things*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, April 14, 2014

*Contested chapter 13 cases: substantive law, procedures, and tactics for the debtor, the well-funded creditor, and the chapter 13 trustee*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, April 25, 2013

*The Art and Science of Asset Protection*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, September 14, 2010;

*Preparing for Municipal Bankruptcies in 2010 and Beyond: What everyone from Vallejo to Beverly Hills needs to know about Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, February 9, 2010;

*Hot Topics for 2009 in Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, October 14, 2009;

*Hot Topics in Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy Practice*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, October 14, 2008;

*Critical Developments of 2007 in Consumer and Small Business Bankruptcy Practice: The View from the U.S. Trustee and The Trenches*, Seminar for the Beverly Hills Bar Association, Program Chair, November 6, 2007.

**Publications:**

Appointing and Organizing Official Creditors' Committees with Model By-Laws," *California Bankruptcy Journal*, Vol. 20, No. 4, 1992;

"Filing Bankruptcy for Existing Clients," *Los Angeles Daily Journal Report*, No. 89-5, April 28, 1989"; Co-Author;

"Discovery in the Bankruptcy Court: Depositions v. Rule 2004 Examinations," *Beverly Hills Bar Association Journal*, 1984.;

"New Entities and Bankruptcy," *Los Angeles Lawyer*, Vol. 6, No. 2, page 22, April 1983;

"Creative Financing Enters the Bankruptcy Courts Under the Cram Down Provisions of the Bankruptcy Code; Compulsory Refinancing of Balloon Payments," 16 *Beverly Hills Bar Association Journal* 127 (1982)

**Honors:**

Lawyer of the Year Award, Los Angeles County Bar Association, 1984.

Lawyer of the Year Award, Constitutional Rights Foundation, 1984, 2005.

Delegate to U.S./China Joint Session on Trade Economic and Investment Law, 1987.

Assistant Legal Technical Editor for the television show, LA Law, 1989

President's Award for Outstanding Service, Beverly Hills Bar Association, 1999

Impact Award, Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters, 2012

**Affiliations:**

California State Bar Advisory Commission on Bankruptcy (2001- 2004)

Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources, City of Hermosa Beach, CA (1995-1998).

Beverly Hills Bar Association, Board of Governors (1994-1998; 2011- 2015); Chair of the Bankruptcy Section (1993-1995); Executive Committee, the Bankruptcy Section (1993- ); Chair of the Judiciary & Bench-bar Relations Committee (1998-2005); West District Advisory Committee of The Los Angeles Superior Court (1998- 2006); Judge Pro Tem Coordinator (1999); The Order of Distinguished Attorneys (2007- ); Chair of Audit Committee (2012- 2015)

Beverly Hills Bar Association Foundation, Director (2010- ); Chair Scholarship Committee (2012 - 2014); Treasurer (2015- )

Constitutional Rights Foundation, Mock Trial Coach (1977- 1989; 1998-2002); Mock Trial Judge (1980-); Associates Vice-President (1983-1985); Lawyer's Advisory Council (1992- ); Board of Directors (1995- ); Chair of the Program Oversight Committee (2004 -2014 ); Chair Search Committee for new CEO (2012-2013); Chair Expanding Horizons Internship Committee (2014 - ); Audit Committee (2015- )

Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Los Angeles, Big Brother (1978-1981); Board of Trustees (1979- ); Vice President (1988-1992); Secretary (1993-1996); Chair of the Legal Committee (1982-2001) ; Chair Scholarship Committee (1990-2006); Chair of the Technology Committee (2002)

Public Counsel, Board of Directors (1999-2003 )

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (2001- 2003)

Member of American Bar Association; Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; Association of Business Trial Lawyers Association; Financial Lawyers Conference.

**Venture Capital:**

General partner in numerous industrial, commercial and office real estate projects in Los Angeles County.

Co-founder of several start-up companies: Segway Los Angeles; Santa Monica Bike Center; Santa Monica Bike Share (Breeze Bike Share presented by Hulu); Dry Falls Hospitality

**Personal:**

Los Angeles area resident since 1963; Leisure Interests include skiing, travel and biographies; AYSO Soccer Referee; Founder Hermosa Beach Film Festival; President of MethodFest Film Festival.