

RONALD MELIN SUPANCIC, JD, CFLS
CURRICULUM VITAE

OBJECTIVE:

Ronald Supancic's exclusive focus is helping families. His constructive approach emphasizes the financial and psychological wholeness of the family as it restructures itself during divorce, with particular concern for the child. His office addresses all areas of family law practice from pre-marital planning to estate planning and includes paternity, support, custody, modification, enforcement, and adoption. He is trained in all forms of Consensual Dispute Resolution, including mediation, arbitration and collaborative law. Ron is at the forefront of the practice of Collaborative Family Law in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

I. CERTIFICATIONS, DEGREES, AWARDS:

September 2010 – Honored by the State Bar of California for thirty years of service as a Certified Family Law Specialist

Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Certified Family Law Specialist, 1980, by the California Board of Legal Specialization

Bachelor's Degree, with Honors, U.C.L.A., 1964

Juris Doctor, U.S.C., 1968; Class President

Merit San Fernando Valley Bar Association, 1978 through 1998

Commendation L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 1986 through 1998

Martindale Hubbell AV Rated

Voted Los Angeles "Super Lawyer" in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

II. LEGAL PRACTICE:

Associate – Spray, Gould and Bowers, Personal Injury.
Los Angeles, California; 1970-1971

Associate – Paramount Pictures, Labor Relations.
Los Angeles, California; 1971-1972

- Partner – Feldman, Golde and Supancic, Family Law.
Van Nuys, California; 1972-1975
- Jr Partner – Gabler, Domke and Berglund, Family Law.
Van Nuys, California: 1975-1980
- President – Law Offices of Ronald M. Supancic, Family Law.
Woodland Hills, California; 1980-1989
- Partner – Pelletier, Supancic and James, Family Law.
Woodland Hills, California; 1989-1991
- President – Law Offices of Ronald M. Supancic, Family Law.
Woodland Hills, California; 1991-2009
- Partner – The Law Collaborative, Multi-Disciplinary Law Firm.
Woodland Hills, California; 2009-Present

III. LEGAL MEMBERSHIP:

- Member – America Bar Association; 1970-Present
- Member – California Bar Association; 1970-Present
- Member – Los Angeles County Bar Association; 1970-Present
- Member – San Fernando Valley Bar Association; 1970-Present
- Member – American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Southern California
Chapter; 1981-Present
- Member – Association of Certified Family Law Specialists Board of
Governors; 1989-1990
- Member – Southern California Mediation Association; 1988- Present
- Member – International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers; 1993- Present
- Member – National Network of Estate Planning Attorneys – 1998
- Member – San Fernando Valley Bar Association;
Family Law Section; 1976-Present
- Member – Los Angeles County Bar Association;
Family Law Section and Solo Practice Section.

IV. BAR ACTIVITIES:

Mediator: Los Angeles County Superior Court; Van Nuys
1975-Present

Arbitrator: Los Angeles County Superior Court; Van Nuys
1980-Present

Attorney Fee Arbitrator: Los Angeles County Bar Association;
Panel Member, 1985-Present

Judge Pro Tem: Family Law Department, San Fernando Valley and Van Nuys
Municipal Courts; 1980-Present

V. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Teaching:

Faculty Member, Family Law, Azusa Pacific University:
1983-1989

Lecturer – La Verne College, Fuller University

Lecturer – Fuller Theological Seminary, College of Psychology,
Department of Marriage and Family; 1990-Present

Lecturer – Law and Ethics, Moscow Center of Psychology and
Psychotherapy, Soviet Union; 11/24/95-12/8/95

Lecturer – Peace Building in the Manner of St. Francis of Assisi, Mediators
Beyond Borders, Florence Italy, Rome, Italy 2010

Author:

When All Else Fails: The Real Cost of Ending a Marriage,
Fleming H. Revell, 1986

A Layman's Guide To California Family Law – 1982

Winning the Custody War Without Casualties – 1995

Win-Win Co-parenting Solutions – in process of publication.

Workshop Director:

"Mediation: Practice, Policy & Procedure" A nine hour lecture/workshop given to

Counseling West Staff therapists and interns to provide them with tools to facilitate the therapeutic process.

"Understanding the Painful Process of Divorce"

Provides information for such important considerations as:

- * seeking marital counseling
- * choosing a lawyer
- * helping the lawyer present the case in the best way possible
- * avoiding a court case
- * adjusting after the marriage is legally dissolved

"Divorce Recovery Seminar" Los Angeles Superior Court, 1987:
Religious Issues in Divorce - Panel Member.

"Forensics in Family Law" Seminar designed for Mental Health Professionals interested in developing a forensic practice in the area of Family Law

"Motivating from the Inside Out: Creating Powerful Teams" 2011 Orange County Mediation Conference. Professional Mediators who master the skills of motivation, communication, and empowerment have a greater influence on their clients, their practice, and their results. Participants learned how to stimulate motivation by establishing benchmarks and clarifying behavioral standards that support resolution.

VI. LEGAL FIRST:

Camacho vs. Camacho, (1985) 173 CA3d 214

VII. FEATURED SPEAKER:

Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) – February 2011
"Employee Assistance Professionals Divorce Tool Kit" Seminar designed for professionals assisting families in crisis. Summarizes new innovations in the Family Law Code that affect every couple married or with children in the state of California.

Mediators Beyond Borders, Italian Chapters in Florence and Rome – October 2010 "Mediation Revolution"

California State Bar – September 2010
"Unbundled Legal Services"

San Fernando Valley Bar: Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
"Collaborative Law, an Alternative System for Dispute Resolution."

Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Attorneys (LACFLA)
"Mastering the Facilitative Approach for Collaborative Work."

The State Bar of California 2004 Section Education Institute
“Collaborative Lawyering –New Frontiers; Expanding the Role of
Appropriate Dispute Resolution Beyond Divorce ”

American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, 2003:
“Ethical Challenges in the Practice of ADR.”

Los Angeles County Psychological Association Annual Convention,
2002: "Collaborative Law: A New Paradigm for the Twenty-First
Century."

The California State Bar Section Education Institute, Monterey, CA 2001

The California State Bar Convention, San Diego, CA 2000

The Collaborative Law Conference, University of Maryland Law School,
Baltimore, Maryland 2000

The Unbundling of the Law Conference, Chicago, IL 2000

California Association of Marriage Family Therapists, (CAMFT),
Southern California Chapter, "Psychotherapy and Family Law."

Pepperdine University, International Conference on Family Strength
"Mediation and Family Law."

Azusa Pacific University, Marriage and Family Counseling Department, "Ethics
and Issues in Family Law."

Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology, "Forensic
Psychotherapy in Family Law Practice."

Turning Point Counseling Center, Diamond Bar, California: "Divorce Recovery
and the Law," in-service training for resident psychotherapists on legal issues
encountered in resolving family conflict.

Center for Family Resources, Counseling West, West Hills, California: Speaker,
"Legal Issues for Kids," Kids Count Too Family Seminar,
Workshop Director and Presenter

"Forensic Psychotherapy in Family Law Practice," and "Mediation: Practice,
Policy and Procedure," Nine-hour lecture/workshop in-service training for
therapist and interns.

Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA) Annual Conference:
"Integrating Psychotherapy into Divorce Mediation."

Coalition for Cooperative Divorce (CCD), "Humanizing Divorce – Designing a New Paradigm for the Next Century."

International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers (IAHL), Annual Conference in Santa Fe: " The Professional Partnership of Attorney/Psychotherapist in Family Law."

Los Angeles Superior Court, "Divorce Recovery Seminar: Religious Issues in Divorce" - Panel Member.

"Forensics in Family Law" Seminar designed for Mental Health Professionals interested in developing a forensic practice in the area of Family Law.

The San Fernando Valley Bar Association, "Collaborative Law: An Alternative System for Dispute Resolution" Seminar

Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Attorney (LACFLA)
"Professional Boundaries in Collaborative Cases"

The State Bar of California
"Collaborative Lawyering- New Frontiers: Expanding the Role of Appropriate Dispute Resolution Beyond Divorce"

Ronald M. Supancic is a long-time advocate of Consensual Dispute Resolution, championing Collaborative Law Practice in the family law arena long before it was so titled. As a result he is an invited participant to Harvard's well-considered Negotiation Insight Initiative program since 2006.