

# STEPHEN G. LARSON

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## Summary

Former federal prosecutor and United States District Judge practicing as a trial and appellate lawyer since 2010 with a wealth of experience in government, the private sector, and international law, both practical and academic. Private practice includes numerous international and transnational cases ranging from international arbitrations involving transborder energy issues to defense against the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and U.K. Anti-Bribery Act. Experience providing training and educational seminars to clients in Mexico and Guatemala, and representing individuals and entities based in Spain, the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and Japan. Founding member with the United States Department of State of a Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform, active member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, and frequent lecturer on law and international affairs. Academic interest and practical experience in rule of law reform efforts and anti-corruption measures.

## Relevant Experience

### **CO-FOUNDING PARTNER**

#### **Larson O'Brien LLP**

Los Angeles, CA | Orange County, CA | Washington, D.C.

*January 2016 – Present*

- Co-founded a national trial boutique with now over 25 lawyers admitted in courts from California to New York.
- Practice includes complex commercial and business litigation, white-collar criminal defense, regulatory and internal investigations, intellectual property litigation (patents, copyright, and trademark), antitrust and unfair competition matters, appeals in federal and state courts, and alternative dispute resolution (mediation and arbitration).
- Conducted numerous successful civil and criminal trials in state and federal courts in California and the District of Columbia, and appeals in the Eighth, Ninth, and D.C. Circuit

Courts of Appeals as well as California Court of Appeal and California Supreme Court.

**PARTNER**

**Arent Fox LLP**

Los Angeles, CA | San Francisco, CA | New York, NY |  
Washington, D.C.

*June 2011 – January 2016*

- Served as firm-wide Complex Litigation Practice Group Leader and member of the firm's Executive Committee.
- Extensive experience in commercial litigation and white-collar defense, internal investigations, appellate advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution (mediation and arbitration).
- Argued before numerous federal and state courts of appeal, including the United States Supreme Court.

**FEDERAL JUDGE**

**United States District Judge**

**United States Magistrate Judge**

**Central District of California**

Los Angeles, CA | Riverside, CA

*October 2000 – November 2009*

- Served as a United States Magistrate Judge and then, upon Senate confirmation and appointment by President George W. Bush, as a United States District Judge for the Central District of California.
- Worked on numerous State Department-sponsored rule of law and judicial assessment projects, including in Afghanistan, Croatia, Rwanda, and elsewhere.
- Founding member with the United States Department of State of the Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform in Afghanistan. Involved in both hosting numerous conferences in the United States and traveling to Afghanistan to promote the rule of law between 2007 and 2013.
- Served by designation on the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on seven occasions, participating in approximately 40 decisions.

- Presided over some of the most notable actions to be tried in the Central District of California, including landmark cases involving questions of extraterritorial jurisdiction for military prosecutions. Notably established the framework in *United States v. Duro* to coordinate efforts between federal, state, Native American, and private authorities and entities, leading to the ultimate resolution of the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs' decade-long effort to close down and expel a major migrant worker camp on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation.

**ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
Central District of California**

Los Angeles, CA

*August 1991 – September 2000*

- Served as Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force.
- Engaged in numerous joint transnational investigations with investigators and procurators/prosecutors in Russia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, the Ukraine, and South Korea.
- Involved in overseas rule of law projects for both the State Department and the Justice Department, including through OPDAT (Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training) and OIA (Office of International Affairs).
- Spoke at conferences and educational forums in Russia, Hungary, Uzbekistan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as in the United States at the FBI National Academy.

**ASSOCIATE  
O'Melveny & Myers LLP**

Los Angeles, CA

*August 1989 – August 1991*

- Associate in the litigation department.

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**

**University of La Verne College of Law**

**California State University, Long Beach**

**Glendale University College of Law**

Southern California

*1995 – 2010*

- Instructor of civil rights, constitutional law, criminal procedure, and conflicts of law.
- Distinguished Jurist in Residence at the University of La Verne College of Law.
- Appointed by founding Dean Erwin Chemerinsky to serve on the Dean’s Advisory Council for University of California, Irvine, Law School.

**Professional  
Affiliations &  
Community  
Involvement**

Federal Arbitration, Inc. (“FedArb”), *Panel of Neutrals*

American Arbitration Association, *Panel of Neutrals*

National Arbitration and Mediation, *Panel of Neutrals*

National Community Renaissance©, *Board of Directors*

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, *Board of Trustees*

Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety,  
*Former Chairman*

University of La Verne College of Law, *Board of Visitors*

University of California, Irvine School of Law, *Dean’s Advisory  
Council Member*

Disability Rights Legal Center, *Board of Directors*

Federal Bar Association, Los Angeles, *Board of Directors*

Judge Paul R. Michel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court,  
*Advisory Board*

Pacific Council on International Policy, *Member*

Volunteer Center of Riverside County, *Advisory Board*

Leo A. Deegan American Inn of Court, *Former Judicial Master*

**Selected Presentations & Publications** Panelist, “Southern California Webinar on Best Practices for Video Mediation,” FedArb (September 2020)

Author, “Being an American,” *Riverside County Lawyer*, Riverside County Bar Association (June 2007)

Co-Author, “Labor Law,” *The Guide to Acquisition and Management of a U.S. Business*, Eurostudy Publishing Co. Ltd. (1991)

**Selected Recognitions**

*The Best Lawyers in America*© for Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense: White Collar (2015-2021)

*Benchmark Litigation*, “Litigation Star” (2019-2021)

*Daily Journal*, “Top 100 Lawyers in California” (2017-2020)

*Los Angeles Business Journal*, “LA500: The Most Influential People in L.A.” (2016-2020)

*Los Angeles Business Journal*, “Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers” (2020)

*Los Angeles Business Journal*, “Top Litigators & Trial Lawyers” (2018-2019)

*Daily Journal*, “California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award” (2018)

Amar Es Entregarse Award, Diocese of San Bernardino (2011)

“Lawdragon 500” (2010 and 2011)

*Irish America Magazine*, “Legal 100” (2009-2020)

Erwin Chemerinsky Defender of the Constitution Award, Federal Bar Association (2009)

*Daily Journal*, “Top 20 Lawyers Under 40” (2004)

Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1996)

**Education**

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW**

Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, 1989

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY WALSH SCHOOL OF  
FOREIGN SERVICE**

Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, International Politics, 1986

- Appointed as a Junior Fellow in the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy.
- Received a “Good” on the foreign language proficiency exams for Russian and Spanish.
- Worked for three years at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

**Bar Admissions** State Bars of California and the District of Columbia

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Federal Claims

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court, Central District of California

United States District Court, Eastern District of California

United States District Court, Northern District of California

United States District Court, Southern District of California

United States District Court, District of Columbia