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EDUCATION

CA license - SBN 152512 - granted June, 1991
Juris Doctorate - Loyola Law School - Los Angeles, June 1990
BA - University of California Los Angeles, September 1987
Major: Economics/Business

EMPLOYMENT

Private Practice: September 1993 - present
Family law attorney, mediator, and collaborative law practitioner.

Associate Attorney: 1992 - 1993
Frye & Alberts, Los Angeles, CA
Areas of practice centered around civil litigation, insurance defense and insurance bad faith.

Associate Attorney: 1991 - 1992
McKinley & Capeloto, Pasadena, CA
Areas of practice centered around bankruptcy and commercial litigation.

Associate Attorney: 1990 1991
Buxbaum & Chakmak, Newport Beach, CA
Areas of practice centered around corporate law, estate planning, and bankruptcy.

Law Clerk: Summer 1989
Selvin, Weiner & Ruben, Los Angeles, CA
Area of practice centered around civil litigation.

MEDIATION/COLLABORATIVE TRAINING

Mosten Mediation Training: May 2008
Basic Divorce Mediation Training (40 hours).

MEDIATION/COLLABORATIVE TRAINING

Collaborative Divorce Education Institute: March 2010
Three Day Collaborative Divorce Interdisciplinary Team Training.

Collaborative Divorce Education Institute & Mosten Mediation Training: December 2010
Mediation Skills & Strategies in Collaborative & Unbundled Practices (18 hours).

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Baer, Mark B. *With Gratitude to SGVPA.* San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, May/June 2012.

Baer, Mark B. *Are You Facilitating the Creation of a Post-Divorce Functional or Dysfunctional Family?* The World of Collaborative Practice Magazine, May 2012.

Panelist at The State Bar Family Law Section CDR Standing Committee (South)'s Spring Symposium with Diana Mercer and Mickie Katz on *Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something True: Guerilla Marketing - Using new technology and traditional marketing to promote our practices for maximum impact with limited resources.* April 21, 2012.

Co-presenter at the 2012 California Psychological Association Convention with Linda Bortell, Psy.D. on *What About Family Values? Facilitating Rational Problem-Solving In An Otherwise Destructive Divorce Process,* April 20, 2012.

Baer, Mark B. *Changing the default for resolving family disputes in America.* The Los Angeles Daily Journal and the San Francisco Daily Journal, April 10, 2012.

Interviewed by Steve Peck, Divorce Source Radio Founder and Host, on Divorce Source Radio on "Find the 'Right Fit' Attorney for a More Peaceful Divorce", April 4, 2012.

Speaker at the San Gabriel Valley chapter of Bruin Professionals on *Industry Trends and My Perspective on the Future of Divorce Practice,* April 4, 2012.

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Speaker at The Divorce Expo (a program offering resources and information to the Detroit Metro community regarding positive and future oriented options for divorce and which is expected to attract over 10,000 individuals) on *Selecting the Right Attorney*, March 24, 2012.

Keynote Speaker at The Divorce Expo (a program offering resources and information to the Detroit Metro community regarding positive and future oriented options for divorce and which is expected to attract over 10,000 individuals) on *What Mark B. Baer Predicts Family Law Will Look Like in the Future and Why*, March 23, 2012.

Baer, Mark B. *Judicial Bias in Family Court*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, March/April 2012.

Podcast Interview by Garnet Mierau, owner and coach at Helping Children Through Divorce, regarding my views on divorce and family law, February 9, 2012.

Baer, Mark B. *The Waiting Game - Delays in Child-Custody Cases Lead to Violence*. Pasadena Weekly, February 9, 2012.

Co-presenter at the San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association with Linda Bortell, Psy.D. on *Facilitating Rational Problem-Solving In An Otherwise Destructive Divorce Process*, February 3, 2012.

Baer, Mark B. *Domestic Violence as a Tragic Toll of Divorce*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, January/February 2012.

Quoted by Pat Kramer for Voice of the Village in an article titled "Child Custody Disputes - Is There a Better Way?", January 1, 2012.

Baer, Mark B. *Selecting a Positive Solution-Oriented Attorney*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, November/December 2011.

Interviewed by Deborah Moskovitch, Divorce Consultant, Educator and Author of *The Smart Divorce*, on Divorce Source Radio on "Find a Problem Solving Divorce Attorney, Not a Conflict Creator", November 14, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Quoted by Jeff Landers, contributor, Forbes.com in an article titled "Five Financial Lessons Women Can Learn from the Demi and Ashton Break-up Rumors", October 25, 2011.

Quoted by Jessica Silver-Greenberg of the Wall Street Journal in an article titled "Don't Buy Too Much Insurance!", October 8, 2011.

Baer, Mark B. *Why Today's Lawyers Are Better At War Than Peace*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, September/October 2011.

Speaker at the Pasadena Host Lions Club meeting on *Collaborative Divorce - A Constructive Way of Handling an Emotionally Charged Situation*, September 21, 2011.

Quoted by Janna Herron of Bankrate.com in an article titled "5 steps to protect your credit in a divorce", August 10, 2011.

Quoted by Jim McConnell, staff writer for Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, and Whittier Daily News in an article titled "Finding the solution - Pasadena attorney says lawyers need to be problem solvers", August 9, 2011.

Speaker at the Pasadena Kiwanis meeting on *Collaborative Divorce - A Constructive Way of Handling an Emotionally Charged Situation*, August 4, 2011.

Baer, Mark B. *The Misconception That Collaborative Attorneys Fail to Protect Their Clients*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, July/August 2011.

Quoted by Pat Kramer for Voice of the Village in an article titled "U.S. family law system 'barbaric' when compared to other systems worldwide", June 1, 2011.

Quoted by Pat Kramer for an article picked up by Forbes.com titled "It Would Be Irresponsible for Maria Shriver and Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to Litigate Their Divorce, Says L.A. Family Law Attorney Mark Baer", May 26, 2011.

Televised interview on "Inside the Law" with Manny Medrano on KTLA5 on Collaborative Divorce, May 19, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Baer, Mark B. *An Uncivilized, Unenlightened and Barbaric System: The U.S. Family Law Court*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, May/June 2011.

Baer, Mark B. *Why the US Family Law System Is Barbaric*. The Los Angeles Daily Journal and the San Francisco Daily Journal, April 13, 2011.

Baer, Mark B. *Legal Philosophy*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, March/April 2011.

Quoted in an article in California Lawyer Magazine titled "Calculating Child Support", March 2011.

Quoted by Kathy M. Kristof, for an article in the Business Section of the Los Angeles Times titled "Cutting the Cost of Divorce", February 6, 2011.

Quoted by Kevin Smith, Business Editor for Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, and Whittier Daily News in an article titled "Separation Anxiety - Attorney reluctant to address prenuptial agreements", February 1, 2011.

Baer, Mark B. *Why Lawyers Now Avoid Assisting with Pre and Post-Nuptial Agreements*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, January/February 2011.

Quoted by Pat Kramer for Voice of the Village in an article titled "Divorce insurance a bad idea - destroys the sanctity of marriage", December 1, 2010.

Quoted by Kevin Smith, Business Editor for Pasadena Star-News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, and Whittier Daily News in an article titled "Think Carefully - Local attorney leery of divorce insurance", November 9, 2010.

Baer, Mark B. *Cost of Raising a Child Calculation Tool - Issues Involving Child Support*. Valley Lawyer Magazine, November 2010.

Profiled in the Bar Brief Newsletter of the Beverly Hills Bar Association in an article titled "Family Law Par Excellence", November/December 2010.

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Baer, Mark B. *The Real Problem with the Department of Children and Family Services*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, November/December 2010.

Interviewed by Lisa C. Decker, CDFA, on the "What They Don't Tell You About Pre & Post-Nups Teleseminar" on Divorce Speak, an internationally-broadcast monthly teleseminar series, October 26, 2010.

Televised interview on "Inside the Law" with Manny Medrano on KTLA5 on Prenuptial Agreements, September 30, 2010.

Baer, Mark B. *The Historical Shift in the Role of Attorneys*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, September/October 2010.

Baer, Mark B. *Is There a Penalty for Perjury?* San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, July/August 2010.

Baer, Mark B. *Processes of Divorce - a Comparison*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, May/June 2010.

Baer, Mark B. *"Pit Bull" Attorneys and Family Law*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, March/April 2010.

Baer, Mark B. *Mediation Process Based on Mediation Style*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, January/February 2010.

Baer, Mark B. *Mediation Selection Process and Cost*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, November/December 2009.

Baer, Mark B. *The Use of Mediation in Family Law Matters*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, September/October 2009.

Baer, Mark B. *Quality of Judges*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, July/August 2009.

Baer, Mark B. *Interviewing and Selecting an Attorney*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, May/June 2009.

PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Baer, Mark B. *The Importance of Trust in the Attorney/Client Relationship*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, March/April 2009.

Baer, Mark B. *The Importance of Constructive Communication in Family Law*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, January/February 2009.

Baer, Mark B. *Symbiotic Partners: Psychology and Family Law as Symbiotic Partners*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, November/December 2008.

Baer, Mark B. *Marital Russian Roulette*. San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association Newsletter, September/October 2008.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Included in 2012 Southern California Super Lawyers.
Named by Pasadena Magazine as a 2011 Top Attorney
Named by Pasadena Magazine as a 2010 Top Attorney

ELECTED POSITIONS

Collaborative Divorce Professionals of the Inland Empire
Board of Directors - 2010 - present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Beverly Hills Bar Association, Member
Bruin Professionals, Member
Coalition for Collaborative Divorce, Member
Collaborative Divorce Professionals of the Inland Empire, Member
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Member
Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association, Member
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member
Pasadena Bar Association, Member
ProVisors, Member
San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Member
San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association, Affiliate Member