



Kent L. Richland

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Kent Richland has been an appellate lawyer since he graduated from UCLA Law School in 1971. In 1983, Kent was one of the founding partners of Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP.

Kent has been lead appellate counsel in hundreds of appeals. He has argued in state and federal appellate courts across the country, including many high-profile cases in both the California Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. He gained national prominence in 2006 for his United States Supreme Court argument in *Marshall v. Marshall*, in which he successfully represented the late Anna Nicole Smith.

Kent is a frequent lecturer and author on appellate law topics and is co-author, with Presiding Justice J. Anthony Kline of the California Court of Appeal, of *West's California Litigation Forms B Civil Appeals and Writs*. He has served as president of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers and multiple terms as president of the California Supreme Court Historical Society. He was selected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, the American Bar Foundation and the Litigation Counsel of America.

Among the honors he has received are the California Lawyer Magazine's California Lawyer of the Year award in 2007, 2010 and 2019, *Best Lawyers*®' Los Angeles Appellate Lawyer of the Year Award in 2015, multiple years' recognition by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the top 100 lawyers in California, multiple years' recognition as one of the top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers and recognition by Chambers USA as one of five "Band One" appellate lawyers in California.



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Education

J.D., UCLA School of Law (1971). Moot Court Honors Program.

A.B., University of California at Berkeley (1968).

Honors

California Lawyer of the Year, California Lawyer Magazine (2007, 2010, 2019)

Ranked by Chambers and Partners USA for California Appellate Law

Southern California Super Lawyers, Appellate (2004 – Present)

Named in The Best Lawyers in America® (Appellate Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation) (2006 – Present)

Who's Who in American Law (2007 – Present)

California Attorney of the Year, San Francisco Recorder (2010)

Top 100 Lawyers in California, Los Angeles Daily Journal (2007, 2010)

Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers (2008 – 2011, 2013)

American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit, Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Courts: Central District of California

Speaking and Involvement

In Case You Missed It: Civil Law Highlights From The Past Year, Beverly Hills Bar Association
2024

In Case You Missed It: Civil Law Highlights From The Past Year, Beverly Hills Bar Association
2023

In Case You Missed It: Civil Law Highlights From The Past Year, Beverly Hills Bar Association
2022

American Bar Association Section Litigation Conference, The Stern Trilogy: The Future of Article I Courts
2016

University of California at Irvine School of Law, Lecture on United States Supreme Court Practice in the 21st Century
2013

Federal Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section for the Western District of Michigan, Speech on Stern v. Marshall
2012

Estate Planning and Community Property Journal Annual Banquet, Texas Tech School of Law, Featured Speaker on Marshall v. Marshall
2012

Oklahoma Bar Association Annual Advanced Bankruptcy Seminar, Speech on Stern v. Marshall
2011

National Foundation for Judicial Excellence Annual Symposium, Lecture on City of Ontario v. Quon (Chicago, IL)
2010

ABA Administrative Law Conference, Lecture on City of Ontario v. Quon (Washington, D.C.)
2010

State Bar of California Annual Conference on Federal and State Appeals, Panel on Appellate Stays (2009 - Present)
2009

California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Appellate Judicial Attorneys Institute, Lecture--Civil Law Update (2008 - Present)
2008

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Lecture--Recent Developments in Civil Practice
2008

California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Appellate Justices Institute, Featured Speaker on Media and the High Profile Appeal
2007

American College of Trial and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fiduciary Litigation Committee, Speech on Marshall v. Marshall
2006

UCLA School of Law Dean's Roundtable, Discussion of Marshall v. Marshall

2006

The Rutter Group, Panel on Mastering Appellate Advocacy

2004

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Panelist on Making and Opposing Anti-SLAPP Motions

2004

Mealey's Anti-SLAPP Statute Conference, Panelist (2003, 2004)

2003

Federal Practice Institute, Panelist on Ninth Circuit Practice (1994 - 2000)

2000

Scotland Yard, Panelist on The Human Rights Act: The Practical Implications for British Policing—Learning from the U.S. Experience (London, U.K.)

1999

Southwestern University School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law, Team Taught Course (with Professor Laurie Levenson and Judge Aurelio Munoz on Issues in Criminal Appellate Law (1996 - 1997)

1997

Appellate Courts Institute and California Judges Association Annual Meeting, Panelist on Views from the Other Side of the Bench

1996

American Bar Association, National Institute on Medical Malpractice, Moot Court Argument

1990

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Panelist on Extraordinary Writs (1987, 1991)

1991

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Panelist on The Court of Appeal Speaks

1987

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Panelist on Step By Step: The Appellate Process

1983

Professional Associations

American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Fellow

California Academy of Appellate Lawyers, President (1995 - 1996)

California Supreme Court Historical Society, Board of Directors (President, 1999 - 2005)

Chancery Club of Los Angeles

Appellate Indigent Defense Oversight Advisory Committee to the California Judicial Council

Appellate Advisory Committee to the California Judicial Council (2000 - 2006)

Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly, Board of Advisors (1978 - 1988)

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Trustee (1999 - 2000); Appellate Courts Section, Appellate Courts Committee, Chair (1985 - 1988); Los Angeles Bar Journal and Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine, Board of Editors, Articles Editor and Managing Editor (1977 - 1978); California Judicial Systems Committee, Chair (1988 - 1990); Committee on Delivery of Legal Services; Judicial Appointments Committee, Chair (2001 - 2003); Judicial Evaluation Committee; State Appellate Judicial Evaluation Committee, Chair (1992 - 1994)

Member, California Lawyers Association (CLA), Litigation Section

High Impact Wins

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc. (2018) 6 Cal.5th 59
Aug 30, 2018

City of Ontario v. Quon (2010) 560 U.S. 746
Jun 17, 2010

Marshall v. Marshall (2006) 547 U.S. 293
May 01, 2006

Batchelder v. Kawamoto (9th Cir. 1998) 147 F.3d 915
Jul 15, 1998

Publications

GMSR's Kent Richland authors article on crafting appellate jurisdiction without artifice

May 05, 2021

Profiles in IP Law—An Interview with Kent L. Richland: Founding Partner, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland LLP, Landslide (ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law)

May 01, 2018

Next-up: the Cantil-Sakauye High Court, L.A. Daily Journal

Sep 10, 2014

Your Skills: Between Trial and Appeal, There's a Record, S.F. Recorder

May 27, 2013

Stern v. Marshall: A Dead-End Marathon?, 28 Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal 393 (2012)

May 24, 2012

Representing Anna Nicole (2006) The Appellate Advocate, Issue 2, pp. 4-6, 14.

Mar 01, 2006

Taming the Odds: Increasing the Chances of Getting Relief from the Supreme Court (Winter 1992) California Litigation. Reprinted in Fall 1996 as "One of the Best Articles of the Decade."

Dec 01, 1992

Depublish or Perish: Why Depublication is Good for the California Judicial System (Sept. 1990) Los Angeles Lawyer, pp. 1-7.

Aug 01, 1990

Los Angeles Lawyer: Special Issue on Appellate Practice (Aug. 1990)

Aug 01, 1990
