Iranian American Lawyers Association



Welcomes you to the

12th Anniversary Gala



Iranian American Lawyers Association

The first lawyer's association of Iranian American attorneys in the U.S. - Established in 1994

IALA President's Message

Importance of Judiciary's Independence



Let me start by thanking all of you, including all members, for the continued support of the Association's visions and goals by fulfilling our obligations to the community. The Association has actively informed the community of legal issues of significance, promoted equal access to justice and recognized and delivered competent representation of the Iranian American community.

More than ever we are challenged with laws implemented post September 11, 2001 which have had pronounced effects on many immigrants. As attorneys, we have vigorously defended civil and constitutional rights in courts and recognize that the ultimate balance of protecting those rights falls onto the bench's shoulders to impartially uphold these inalienable rights.

The judiciary and its Honorable bench are the final checks and balances of our system of government and when the executive or the legislative branches aspire to issue executive orders or legislation which effects citizen's rights as applied, it is the courts and their rulings which ultimately provide the remedy to preserve and protect Civil and Constitutional rights. As attorneys we recognize and appreciate judicial officers who preserve and uphold laws which continue to provide protection of all citizen's rights.

I am honored to continue to expand the associations' professional relationships and to work towards building an ongoing awareness of the Iranian American Lawyers' well earned reputation, ethics and talent as well as leading in advocating for due process and unconditional right to counsel for citizens who are questioned or detained subject to the U.S. laws and demanding equal and proportional access and representation by the Community to government assemblies or forums.

With my warmest regards,

P. Patrick Ashouri, Esq. President Iranian American Lawyers Association

IALA's 12th Anniversary program:

7:00 pm - Reception

8:00 pm - President's Welcome

8:15 pm - President Elect's Message

- Honorable Shahla Sabet

- Honorable Stephen R. Reinhardt

9:00 pm - Dinner

9:30 pm - Entertainment

We are honored to have as our guest and speaker

United States Court of Appeals (9th Circuit) Circuit Judge Stephen R. Reinhardt



Judge Stephen Reinhardt, a graduate of Yale Law School and Pomona College. He was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Jimmy Carter in September of 1980.

He has published numerous articles on various topics relating to the law. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Fogel, Julber, Reinhardt, Rothschild & Feldman where he specialized in the practice of labor law. He served as president of the Los Angeles Police Commission, president of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission, secretary of the

1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, and for a number of years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Amateur Athletic Foundation, which administers the 1984 Olympics surplus.

Following graduation from law school, where he earned his membership in the Order of the Coif, he served as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Reinhardt was also a law clerk to the Honorable Luther Youngdahl of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. He started his legal career as an associate with the firm of O'Melveny and Meyers. In 2004, he received the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Award for Judicial Excellence, and the University of Oregon Law School's Meritorious Service Award.

Mission Statement

- 1. To maintain the honor and integrity of the legal profession.
- 2. To promote and maintain the sound administration of independent justice.
- 3. To encourage discussion of legal matters or issues, to promote mutual aid among its members
- 4. To further equal opportunity and justice for the members of the legal profession and to provide an organization for collective action.
- 5. To advance and preserve the integrity of lawyers within the community.
- 6. To promote the legal education and general understanding of the legal system within the Iranian American community.
- 7. This association shall not participate in partisan politics nor recommend any person for any political office other than a judicial office.

Honorable Judge Shahla Sabet at IALA's General meeting in 1994





Former IALA's Presidents

Michael Kade	2005
P. Patrick Ashouri	2004
Cameron Yadidi	2003
Kayhan Shakib	2002
Steve Sepassi	2001
Rafik Ayvazi	2000

James K. Sadigh	1999
Alaleh Kamran	1998
Zohreh Mizrahi	1997
Mark K. Ameli	1996
Steve S. Zand	1994-95

Twelve years of service in the Community

Iranian American Lawyers Association, the first lawyer's association of Iranian American attorneys in the U.S., is a non-profit organization formed in California in 1994 and based in Los Angeles since.

We maintain active chapters in Orange County and Northern California and have over the past few years offered our services nationwide and have represented immigrants pro bono in Texas, New York and Illinois. We invite and welcome other Iranian American attorneys or attorney groups in other cities and States who like to start chapters, to contact us and we'll share tools necessary and the leadership support to steer and maintain the new chapters.

We proudly have a tradition and history of advocating for due process and unconditional right to counsel for those questioned or detained as well as demanding equal and proportional access and representation by the Community to government assemblies or forums.

Since the implementation of post 9-11 immigration and enforcement laws, IALA has continually and successfully demanded and achieved in policy and practice, accountable enforcement in a transparent process.



We join forces and stand shoulder to shoulder with all those who's Civil and Constitutional rights were or are at issue as a result of these implementations.

We have long ago expanded and in addition to informing the community of their "Rights", have established an understanding and agreement in policy and practice with City, County, State and Federal law enforcement that those "Rights" are inalienable citizen's rights.

We continue to offer various programs (radio broadcasts and call-in Q&A law days, radio announcements of deadlines and radio interviews) in informing the Iranian American community of significant legal issues.

We also provide a networking forum for our members. conduct various events (mentor program, CLE programs, general mixers and Gala). We are exclusively supported by our membership dues and event sponsorships and our members are admitted attorneys, law students and Honorable Bench Officers.

Los Angeles Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) Town Hall Meeting April 8, 2006

Los Angeles – (April 2006), Co-hosted by the FBI's Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (of which Iranian American Lawyers Association is a member and co-founder organization) on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at the Exposition Park Community Center in Los Angeles .

FBI supervisors and Multi Cultural Committee members addressed the audience's questions and concerns. Saturday's Town Hall meeting at the Exposition Park Community Center near USC was the first of what organizers

have planned to be a series of meetings in Southern California.

The FBI-LA, (MCAC) is an independent body/assembly of non-profit community based organizations, groups and associations who represent the diversified people of Southern California and its mission statement reads:



"The Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) endeavors to create an environment to facilitate dialogue and enhance the relationship between the FBI and the Community which is based on mutual respect, understanding, and the protection of Constitutional rights and civil liberties."

Relationships Based on Mutual Respect, Understanding,

and the Upholding of

Constitutional & Civil Rights

As also reported in Los Angeles media, P. Patrick Ashouri, President of the Iranian American Lawyers Assn., and the advisory committee's spokesperson told the audience, that, "As a lawyer's association, we determined that the protection of the constitutional and civil rights as well as the unconditional right to counsel if addressed, would bring a balance which we felt would be necessary before we could play an effective role in this relationship to build and enhance dialogue and relationships between law enforcement (FBI) and the community".

Mr. Ashouri added: "We are the Middle eastern, the Asian and South Asians, the Pakistanis, Indians and Iranians. We are the Latinos, Sikhs and Egyptians. So we tried to have the committee be a representative of Southern California's diversity, a diversity and make up that often is spoken about by the rest of the Nation as an example of the America's melting pot.

It took a lot of time effort and energy to covenant what we all agreed to thus far. This is a very unique and powerful committee. It draws its power and energy from the unity of its members. We continue to expand its reaches and horizon and collectively work on protecting it and making it stronger and more diversified and representative of our community." *continued on next page*

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Mr. Ashouri added: "We got together back in 2004 out of growing and increasing concerns regarding effects and implementations of post 9-11 federal laws and those who enforce it.

We went to the FBI as co-equals and suggested a forum which is open to all representative groups. It was agreed, and the first Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee was formed in 2004 and has been operating ever since."

Mr. Ashouri continued to summarize the committee's activities of advising on cultural sensitivity issues, about practices of field agents regarding various religious beliefs and local procedures which were changed to adopt to those concerns, unconditional right to counsel in voluntary interviews, clarification on FBI's name and background check process and procedures, the ramifications of the Patriot Act and its application in FBI's local practices, hosting various meetings for key speakers from various State and Federal departments including, Debra Yang (U.S. Attorney, CA-Central District), Bill Lockyer (CA, Attorney General), Ana Hinojosa (US Customs and Boarder Protection), and USCIS.

Some attendees used the Town Hall meeting to share their experiences. For instance, an American grandmother of Iranian descent, expressed fear for herself and her family. "I am a U.S. citizen, have been here for over 25 years and always paid my taxes. I am worried about my family, my four children and six grandchildren". She went on to say she is sometimes afraid to even go out shopping because her hair covering identifies her as a non-mainstream "What is the solution for us?"

J. Stephen Tidwell, Assistant Director in charge of the Los Angeles FBI office, said that the Bureau has always investigated and helped local authorities in cases of hate crimes and shared examples of their recent investigations and cooperation.

He encouraged everyone to contact the FBI or their community based organization members of the advisory committee in case of any concerns or



issues whether it involves the FBI directly or where the FBI can assist in addressing the issue.

The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2006 in Orange County at the Brookhurst Community Center on 221 West Cresent Avenue in Anahiem, CA 92801 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Susan Irene Etezadi wins the San Mateo County Superior Court judge's race

San Mateo, CA – (June 8, 2006) The Iranian American Lawyers Association congratulates Deputy District Attorney Susan Irene Etezadi in her winning the San Mateo County Superior Court judge's race.

Veteran prosecutor Susan Etezadi beat out former coworker and current defense attorney Lisa Maguire for a rare judicial seat, making her the first Iranian-American judge in the San Mateo county and one of the few judges chosen by voters.

Susan Etezadi received her bachelor's degree from University of California, Davis and graduated from University of San Diego

Law School in 1983. She spent 21 years with the District Attorney's Office and during her career, has prosecuted 71 jury trials and more homicides than any other woman in the San Mateo county and in January 2007, she will assume the seat on the Superior Court bench currently held by Judge John Schwartz, who retires in August after 20 years of service.

"It makes me very humble and proud that the people of San Mateo County voted for me. The courts belong to the people and a judge works for the public, the public has spoken. I am honored," Etezadi said.

IALA helps form and start the Multi Cultural Advisory Committee with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department

Los Angeles - (February 2006) - IALA helped form the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department's Multi Cultural Advisory Committee earlier this year. Holding its first meeting in February, the committee is designed to create and maintain bridges of dialogue and communication between LASD and the community while respecting individual's constitutional and civil rights.



With local law enforcement being more involved with the Federal immigration laws, it is even more vital to enhance dialogues and relationships.



IALA continues to advocate for due process and unconditional right to counsel for those questioned or detained as well as demanding equal and proportional access and representation by the Community to government assemblies or forums.

Sheila Hanson wins the Orange County Superior Court judge's race

Orange County CA – (November 8, 2006) The Iranian American Lawyers Association congratulates Deputy District Attorney Sheila Hanson in her winning the Orange County Superior Court judge's race.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Sheila Hanson beat out Lyle J. Robertson, Orange County Superior Court Commissioner since 1991, for a judicial seat, making her the first Iranian-American judge in Orange County.

Sheila Hanson received her Bachelor of Science in Law from Western State University and graduated from Western

State University College of Law 1988. She spent 17 years with the District Attorney's Office and during her career, has prosecuted 80 jury trials and in January 2007, she will assume the seat on the Superior Court bench.

Iranian-American Judges currently serve on the bench of the Los Angeles (Honorable Soussan Bruguera, Honorable Tamila Ebrahimi Ipema), San Bernardino County Superior Courts (Honorable Shahla Sabet) and San Mateo county Superior Court (Honorable Susan Irene Etezadi) as well as Federal immigration courts (Honorable Gita Vahid-Tehrani and Honorable A. Ashley Tabaddor) in Los Angeles.

Multi Cultural Bar Alliance

Los Angeles (April 2006) - IALA joined the Multi Cultural Bar Alliance (MCBA) earlier this year to expand our reaches of commonality, build support with other communities and join forces in defending common issues and promoting common goals.

The members of the MCBA include:

Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA); Asian Pacific American Women Lawyers Alliance (APAWLA); Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (BWL); Italian American Lawyers Association (IALA); Iranian American Lawyers Association (IALA); Japanese American Bar Association of Greater Los Angeles (JABA); John M. Langston Bar Association; Korean American Bar Association (KABA); Latina Lawyers Bar Association (LLBA); The Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association (LGLA); Philippine American Bar Association (PABA); South Asian Bar Association (SABA), Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA); Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA); Arab American Lawyers' Association; San Fernando Valley Bar Association (SFVBA); Ventura County Asian American Bar Association (VCAABA)

Are We Not All Americans Before or After The Hyphen?

Émigrés the world over, migrate to the United States calling Her their new home, including Italians, Germans, French, Lebanese, Egyptians, Spanish, Iranians, Indians, Pakistanis, Iraqis, to Russians, Mexicans, Brazilians, Chinese, Japanese and Irish, etc.

Each culture brings with it a wealth of history, custom and cultural nuances which can not be appreciated until understood.



That which is unknown often causes fear and apprehension in most of us. We are all proud of our heritage, culture and customs. But when it comes to sharing another's culture, some "native born" have an inherent resentment to that which is different. Multi-Cultural understanding and appreciating other's culture, customs and traditions have been shown to render an atmosphere of respect and mutual understanding.

Earlier generations - those who settled here in the 18th and 19th centuries - occasionally affect a somewhat more vested interest in the

United States than those who migrated here from the last half of 20th century to the present. It is this "who came here first!" misconception that fuels the fire of prejudice and differentiation based on ancestry and ethnicity.

Our Courts interpret, analyze and apply U.S. law, often responding to political pressure, diverse constituencies or geo-political events. The judiciary has attempted, over the past few decades, to define who is citizen, immigrant, immigrant alien, docu-



mented alien or undocumented alien and, has categorized numerous administrative and legal procedures to obtain various classifications under Immigration and other Federal law.



As a member of the aforementioned population, I can only believe that as long as our "pledge" and the law that grids it, stand for the equal protection, liberty and justice for all, America shall provide an unprejudiced safe harbor for those who flee oppression and dictatorship. We émigrés are seeking to have a secure home to raise our families, contribute to society and participate in advancing humanity, and its aspiration of mutual understanding and respect. It is our pledge of allegiance which keeps us all tied together and has for centuries by concluding "...liberty and justice for all."

Being American is accepting America for the colorful tapestry it is, respecting émigrés cultures which constitute the interwoven fabric of our society. We, by respecting Her laws and those who enforce it, expect the government to transparently uphold its oath to the Constitution for the protection of all, whether during times of war or peace. We are, after all, all hyphenated-Americans.

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Interview with Dan Sutherland of DHS office of Civil Rights

Los Angeles - (March 2006) IALA also a member of the DHS community outreach committee which started in 2004, interviewed Dan Sutherland, in charge of the office of

Civil Rights & Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security and in charge of the outreach program on KRSI Radio in March 2006.

In this interview with P. Patrick Ashouri, Mr. Sutherland elaborated on the governments readiness to prosecute all hate crimes including that which may be targeted against the Iranian American Community and encouraged callers and listeners to document and report any incidences of alleged hate crime or civil rights violations immediately.

The outreach committee meets regularly with representatives of DHS including ICE, TSA, CBP and USCIS among others, to update contacts, learn of new procedures in various offices and inform the authorities of local issues, concerns and challenges.

IALA has continually advocated for due process and unconditional right to counsel for individuals who are questioned or detained and demanding equal and proportional access and representation by the Community to government assemblies or forums.

IALA takes seat on LACBA Board of Trustees



Los Angeles, - (June 2006) - Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) elected the Iranian American Lawyers Association, its affiliate association member, to be represented on its board of trustees.

This relationship is of historical significance of a minority lawyers association to be present on LACBA's board.



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We are honored and IALA's board has with great pleasure accepted this and we look forward to working closer with the members of the association, the Bar and the Bench.

As the trustee and appointed by the board, P. Patrick Ashouri will represent the association, its members, constituencies and the Community's interests and needs.

Iranian American attorneys making news Lavi & Ebrahimian

Los Angeles - (October 2006) - The Law Office of Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP dedicates its services in representing employees in all aspects of employment and labor law in State and Federal Court.



Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP has successfully represented employees in wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, public policy violation and whistle blower cases in State and Federal Court and in front of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP also represents employees and workers in all aspect of wage and hour class action matters. The firm takes pride in representing employees whose rights are violated by corporations.

Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP recently obtained a settlement in the amount of \$2,800,000.00 in a physical disability discrimination case against a large corporation. Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP was formed by Joseph Lavi & Nick (Nassir) Ebrahimian in 2003.

Joe and Nick are both Iranian attorneys whose families immigrated to the United States in pursuit of better life. Joe and Nick are childhood friends who went to Abrishami school in Tehran and both graduated from UCLA and Loyola Law School.

Iranian American attorneys making news Raymond R. Tabandeh, IALA board member, named a partner of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP

PASADENA, California – Raymond R. Tabandeh, has been named a partner of the intellectual property law firm of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP.



Tabandeh joined the firm in 1998. His practice emphasis is in foreign and domestic patent and trademark prosecution, licensing and intellectual property counseling. He was formerly with Xerox Corporation. Tabandeh earned an undergraduate and a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles; an M.B.A. and an Advanced Engineering degree (Applied Ph.D.) in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California; and a law degree from Loyola Law School. He served as a lecturer in the

school of engineering at UCLA, and is a resident of San Marino.

Unauthorized Practice of Law & False and Misleading advertising

Los Angeles - (June 2006) - On a daily basis all of us in our practices and those in the association's administration strive to maintain the highest degree of professionalism and integrity in our interactions with the Community, Bench and the Bar.

During our over twelve years of honorable service to the Community and our members, we have stood continually committed to take all action necessary to prosecute inappropriate or illegal and misuse in attorney or related advertising which could mislead the community or the public in any shape, form or manner, perpetrated by any attorney, non attorney, group or center as allowed under Federal and California law and California Rules of Professional Conduct as applicable.

June 29, 2006

VIA FACSIMILE (818) 361-7491

Iranian American Lawyers Association 15760 Ventura Blvd. Suite 1010 Encino, California 91436 Attention: Mr. Patrick Ashouri

Dear Mr. Ashouri:

In regards to our conversation of today, we would like to inform you in respond to your letter of June 26, 2006 that we have ceased our advertising newspaper and we are repairing and redesigning our add in order to resolve the said conflict. I hope this will resolve all issues in that regard. Please accept our apology for non intentional invitation to this conflict.

The recent incident was reported | Sincerely,

to us by a member who happened to run across the advertisement mentioned in the attachments. We couldn't thank this member enough and would ask all of you that if you run across similar questionable advertisements, to please feel free to report it to us, anonymously if you wish, and rest assured that IALA will take all action necessary to swiftly respond.

IALA 2006 Events

March 28, 2006- The impact of immigration cases on the administration of justice.

February 28, 2006 - Orange County meeting.

February 22, 2006 - Los Angeles mixer and meeting.

April 4th, 2006 - Honoring Chief Justice Ronald M. George.

April 8th, 2006 - Town hall meeting presented by Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC)

June 4, 2006 - Law Day, Radio Broadcast at KRSI radio

June 2-3, 2006 - Co-sponsor of the State Bar's Spring Summit on Diversity in the Profession.

June 15, 2006 - LACBA Installation dinner.

June 29, 2006 - Los Angeles Mixer/Unauthorized practice of Law Committee meeting.

July 19, 2006 - Hollywood Bowl Jazz Night.

August 3, 2006 - Orange County Mixer.

October 11, 2006 - Los Angeles Mixer/Unauthorized practice of Law Committee meeting.

November, 2006 - 12th anniversary GALA.

Iranian American attorneys making news Arash Homampour

Los Angeles - (October 2006) Committed to making a difference, Arash Homampour is a creative, aggressive and successful advocate for his clients. He is 38 years young. He was nominated by his peers in 2004, 2005 and 2006 as Trial Attorney of the Year by both the Consumer Attorneys of California and the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.

He also received recognition by the Los Angeles Daily Journal for obtaining one of the top 10 Verdicts in California in 2004. In 2005 and 2006, he earned the distinction of being a "Super Lawyer" by Los Angeles Magazine which identifies the top five-percent of lawyers practicing in Los Angeles and Orange Counties as nominated and voted upon by their peers.

During the last five years, he has obtained over \$120 million in settlements, verdicts, judgments and awards for his clients. He represents individuals in insurance bad faith, employment, and catastrophic injury/wrongful death matters (including product liability, dangerous condition of public property, premise liability, auto, and construction site litigation). He also represents Plaintiff businesses in business litigation matters. He handles his cases from the start to finish, including trips to the Court of Appeal and California Supreme Court.

On October 20, 2006, Arash along with a friend and colleague, Nick Ebrahimian from Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP, obtained a \$2.8 million settlement in an employment matter where Plaintiff worked for Defendant Company for 16 years after he sustained a back injury (compression fracture of the spine) at work, he attempted to return to work but was terminated.

On January 27, 2006, Arash obtained a \$2 million verdict from a Burbank jury in a case against a 17 year old driver of an SUV that cut off a motorcycle, causing the death of its rider.

On November 18, 2005, Arash obtained a \$37 million judgment from a Los Angeles Superior Court judge on behalf of a young girl who suffered a frontal lobe brain injury.

On August 2, 2005, Arash obtained a \$12 million verdict from a Norwalk jury in a case against the LACMTA when its speeding bus crashed into a pick up truck being driven by Plaintiff Ramon Melendez (a 63 year old construction worker from El Salvador).

On September 20, 2004, Arash obtained a \$37.5 million verdict from a San Bernardino jury in a case against the City of Fontana for the wrongful death of Karen Medina (a 14 year old girl). The young girl died because the City did not do its job to install sidewalks so that students could walk home safely from school.

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Iranian American attorneys making news Arash Homampour

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In 2003, Arash won one for the underdog and obtained a Binding Arbitration Award in favor of a small corporation, Plaintiff InternetFuel, and against a billion dollar corporate behemoth, Defendant Overture, for \$4,840,598.07 on a breach of contract case. With the help of InternetFuel's Sanger Robinson, we were able to prevail against a formidable opponent in Overture and its cavalcade of attorneys. This case involved cutting edge internet issues, complex facts, and thousands of pages of exhibits. Defendant had no less than 3 attorneys representing it at the arbitration. The majority of Defendant's witnesses (including Defendant's experts) could not be deposed prior to the Arbitration and Plaintiff had no idea what they would say.

Among his earlier accomplishments, Arash obtained a landmark ruling for his disabled

client and the entire disability insurance industry on May 15, 1998 when Chief United States District Court Judge Terry J. Hatter found that, as a matter of law, Defendant New York Life Insurance Company (an \$84 billion insurance goliath) committed bad faith and breached its disabled insured's two disability policies by unreasonably refusing to pay to its insured his total disability benefits, residual disability benefits and income purchase option benefits. In a true "David v. Goliath" showdown, he defeated the insurance giant and successfully obtained partial summary judgment in Plaintiff's favor in this ground breaking bad faith action against New York Life.



Born in 1967 in Chicago, Illinois, Arash obtained a B.S. in Finance from the University of Southern California and his law degree from Southwestern University School of Law.

Mr. Homampour is admitted to practice in California and before the United States District Courts for the Central and Eastern Districts of California. Mr. Homampour also acts as a Judge Pro Tem, Mediator and Arbitrator for the Los Angeles Superior Courts. He started his law firm with no mentor, money or cases and with the financial help of his wife (then girlfriend) who sold her car so that he could pay 2 months rent on office space - which he then rented through a space for work arrangement.

He and his wife used to get by - by using the Chevron card to eat. They now have 3 lovely children and use the Chevron card only for gas. Both of his parents are Iranian and they immigrated to the United States in 1965. His parents emphasized the importance of caring, compassion and hard work.

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