

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Personal:** Born May 20, 1939; New York, New York; married, two children.

**President:** Herbert Dodell, The Dodell Law Corporation. The firm specializes in commercial, business and property insurance related matters (fire, theft, earthquake and other casualty losses), including insurance bad faith actions, insurance agents and brokers errors and omissions, defense of regulatory actions brought by governmental agencies and white collar criminal defense.

The firm has handled cases involving the evaluation of all types of properties, businesses and ventures, including manufacturing, agricultural and construction and the wholesaling, retailing and distribution of products, goods and services. It has represented insureds in connection with appraisal proceedings pursuant to the Insurance Code and the standard fire insurance policy, as well as acting as the selected appraiser in determining the value of real and personal property and damages thereto as an alternative method to litigation.

**Education:** **High School:** Eastchester High School, Eastchester, New York.

**College:** University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (academic scholarship); Bachelor of Arts 1961.

**Graduate:** Brooklyn Law School (academic scholarship) LL.B. and Juris Doctor 1964, with honors. Honors paper in Commercial Law.

### **Degrees, Associations**

#### **& Licenses:**

California State Bar

Former Member, Board of Governors, California Trial Lawyers Association (now known as Consumer Attorneys of California)

New York State Bar

United States District Court, (Southern District, New York)

District Attorney's Advisory Counsel

Attorney Generals Advisory Board

United States District Court, (Central and Northern Districts of California)

Million Dollar Advocates Forum (for invited attorneys who have had at least one case with a result in excess of one million dollars)

United States District Court, (Hawaii)

United States District Court, (Nevada)

Board of Directors, University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association

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Member, Advocate status, of American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). ABOTA is a membership organization of trial lawyers selected by peers

Former President, Southern California Pitt Club

Former Member of the Board of Governors, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

### **Publications &**

**Appearances:** Lectured in several states on the subject of property and casualty insurance law and related matters, including insurance agents and brokers errors and omissions, coverage questions and insurance bad faith. Former State Chairperson, California Trial Lawyers Speakers Bureau. Feature speaker at numerous seminars and educational programs. Frequent guest as a legal expert on ABC (Regis Philbin). Author of "How to Recover On A Fire and Casualty Insurance Claim," "The Only Float in Town isn't at the Rose Parade" (dealing with insurance company practices), "The Examination Under Oath" (relating to insurance claims), and "The Appraisal Process in California."

### **Legal &**

#### **Business**

#### **Experience:**

Resident Counsel, American Broadcasting Company (ABC)  
Resident Counsel, Director of Business Affairs, Four Star Television  
Deputy District Attorney (Los Angeles County)  
Director of Business Affairs, Warner Bros.  
Judge Pro Tempore - Los Angeles Superior Court (current)

**Private Practice** - Personally tried ninety-eight jury trials to a verdict in Superior Courts (civil and criminal) and in the United States District Courts in California and Nevada (cases prosecuted as a Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles County not included). The last four plaintiff verdicts have exceeded \$4 million. Many cases involved insurance bad faith, insurance coverage issues, insurance agents and brokers errors and omissions and a mixture of civil and criminal issues (white collar fraud, arson and theft) as responses to insurance company defenses to claims.

Tried the case of *Essex Insurance Company vs. Five Star Dye House, Inc.*, and argued the appeal in the California Supreme Court, resulting in landmark law in California dealing with insurance issues, including the payment of attorney fees in case of bad faith. *See, 38 Cal.4, 1252 (2006).*

Clients have included GMAC (RFC - HomeComings Financial Network, Inc.) a subsidiary of General Motors, County of San Bernardino, South Coast College, California Canadian Bank, The Armed Forces Journal, Diamond "P" (National Hot Rod Association), Chartoff-Winkler Productions ("*Rocky*" I-IV, "*New York, New York*" and many others), Fundamerica, Inc., Edward James Olmos, Robert Alda, Johnny Rivers, Johnny Olson ("*Jeopardy*"), Johnny Mercer, Bubba Smith, Stan Kenton, Sonny James, and Kenco Construction.