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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

Business Litigation

Entertainment Litigation

Federal Trade Commission

White Collar Defense

Employment

Corporate

Securities

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, J.D.

University of California,

Los Angeles, B.S., Finance

STATE BAR ADMISSIONS

California

Internationally renowned litigator Robert Shapiro is a senior name partner at Glaser Weil and was named one of the 100 most influential attorneys in America by the prestigious *National Law Journal*. He has consistently been named to *Southern California Super Lawyers*, has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell.

Mr. Shapiro's business and personal clients rely on his expertise in complex business litigation, class actions representing both plaintiffs and defendants, international law, white collar defense, SEC enforcement, and Foreign Corrupt Practice litigation. His corporate clients include multinational companies and major hotels. Well-known business figures and industry leaders such as Sumner Redstone, Kirk Kerkorian, Steve Wynn, Berry Gordy, Ray Irani of Occidental Petroleum, Scott Minerd of Guggenheim Investments, and Stephen Clooback of Diamond Resorts, International, have sought his counsel. He also represents sports figures, entertainers, and celebrities such as Oscar de la Hoya, Darryl Strawberry, Jose Conseco, George Brett, Ricky Henderson, Robert Downey Jr., Charlie Sheen, Billy Preston, Chaka Kahn, Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie, Rod Stewart, Lamar Odom, Rob Kardashian, Smokey Robinson, Robert Evans, Evan Ross, Eva Longoria, and David Lee Roth.

Mr. Shapiro's transition to civil litigation from criminal defense in high profile cases such as those involving O.J. Simpson, Christian Brando, and F. Lee Bailey has given him a unique and extensive trial background. He successfully represented Wynn Resorts Ltd and the Wynn Resorts Board of Directors in the removal of their largest shareholder encompassing 5 years of litigation. He was lead counsel in *Rockstar v. Pepsi*, a contract dispute involving energy drinks, and successfully negotiated the extension of a distribution contract for his client. His successful representation of the president of Mobil Oil in proceedings arising out of a refinery explosion resulted in the dismissal of all claims and restoration of his client's reputation. His vigorous representation of Ecology Control Industries resulted a favorable settlement of a wage and hours class action. Diamond Resorts has relied on his expertise for numerous corporate and litigation matters involving its vacation, time share, and hospitality businesses. He also successfully defended Occidental Petroleum in a lawsuit brought in Los Angeles by Colombian residents arising out of the bombing in Colombia by the Colombian air force which killed 17 people. He acted as lead defense counsel in *United States v. Samango*, 450 F.Supp. 1097 (D.Hi. 1978), winning a dismissal of all charges against his client. On appeal, Mr. Shapiro secured Ninth Circuit's affirmance of the

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dismissal in a published opinion which is the leading decision in the Ninth Circuit on grand jury misconduct. *United States v. Samango*, 607 F.2d 877 (9th Cir. 1979).

Mr. Shapiro received his undergraduate degree in finance from the UCLA Anderson Business School. He was a member of the UCLA board of governors and numerous honor societies. He received his law degree from Loyola Law School, where he received two American Jurisprudence awards, won the Scott Moot Court Competition, and was the Chief Justice of the Moot Court, as well as the president of the Loyola chapter of the legal society, Phi Alpha Delta.

Mr. Shapiro is admitted to all state and federal courts in California, and has been admitted pro hac vice in many state and federal courts including those of Nevada, Massachusetts, New York, Arizona, Washington DC and Oregon.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Mr. Shapiro has been married for 50 years to his wife, Linell, and has a son, Grant. His other son, Brent, died of chemical dependency disease in 2005, prompting Mr. Shapiro to found The Brent Shapiro Foundation for Drug Prevention, a nonprofit organization created to raise drug and alcohol awareness His afterschool drug prevention program, Brent's Club, currently has more than 20 afterschool facilities nationwide in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America. Serving more than 5,000 underserved children from ages 11 to18, the rewards-based program has nearly a 100% success rate in random testing for substance abuse. Sober high school graduates are eligible for college scholarships.

ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Shapiro has co-founded LegalZoom.com, ShoeDazzle, RightCounsel.com, and BizCounsel.com. His business background allows him to better understand the needs of his business clients.

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Mr. Shapiro is a frequent contributor to CNN, FOX NEWS, MSNBC and has appeared on cable and network news channels as a legal expert. He has written numerous Op-Ed pieces and law review articles, as well as the best-selling book "The Search for Justice," about the O.J. Simpson case, and "Misconceptions," a novel. He also wrote a children's book, "Somo Says No," about the dangers of drug use, which is available free-of-charge to schools across the country.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained record-setting personal injury settlements against Lyft and Air Tahiti Nui, and a million dollar settlement against Delta Air Lines

Successfully represented John Paul DeJoria, co-founder of the Patrón Spirits Company, in litigation over the company's ownership.

Represented Zhang Hongbao, the Chinese activist who founded the Zhong Gong spiritual movement with 34 million followers. After Zhang had spent 16 months in jail, Mr. Shapiro secured his release within two months of being retained.

Represented Amdi Petersen, the founder of Denmark-based alternative school system Tvind (also called the Teacher's Group), in extradition proceedings.

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Represented AlliedWallet, Inc. in action brought by the FTC, settling the matter for less than 10% of the amount sought.

Acted as lead defense counsel in *United States v. Samango*, 450 F.Supp. 1097 (D.Hi. 1978), winning a dismissal of all charges against his client.

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Foundation, Fellow

The Brent Shapiro Foundation for Drug Prevention, Chairman of the Board

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, Founder

NEWS

Glaser Weil Named One of 2012 Top Ranked Law Firms by Fortune Magazine

"Judge Rules for Wynn in Ousted Investor's Challenge," by Alexandra Berzon, *Wall Street Journal MarketWatch*, October 2, 2012

"Update 2-Judge won't block redemption of *Okada's Wynn Stake*," by Sue Zeidler, Reuters, October 2, 2012

"Okada Loses Bid to Vote Wynn Resorts Shares at Meeting," by Edvard Pettersson, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, October 2, 2012

"O.J. Simpson 'dream team' lawyer Robert Shapiro representing Wynn in fight with director," by Steve Green, *VegasInc.com*, January 30, 2012

HONORS & AWARDS

Selected as one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America," *National Law Journal*

Named one of the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" and "Top 100 Civil Plaintiffs," *The National Trial Lawyers*

"Top California Litigator," *Benchmark Litigation*, multiple years

Selected by *Best Attorneys of America*

Ranked as one of the "Nation's Top 100 Attorneys," National Association of Distinguished Counsel, Founding Member

Designated a "Top 100 Litigation Lawyer in the State of California," The American Society of Legal Advocates

Awarded "Premier 100 Trial Attorney," National Academy of Jurisprudence, formerly known as the American Academy of Trial Attorneys

Named one of "50 Inspirational Alumni" Loyola Law School

Southern California Super Lawyers, multiple years

Awarded top *Avvo* rating, 2021

Honored for Philanthropy by the LAPD Badge and Eagle Foundation, Maple Counseling Center, and Friendly House LA

Pro-Bono Lawyer of the Year by the State of Nevada, 2008

Honored by the California State Bar Journal for authoring one of the ten best legal articles of the 1990's

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National Association of Distinguished Counsel, Nation's Top 100 Attorneys

Lawyers of Distinction, Recognizing Excellence in Civil Litigation

Distinguished Justice Advocates, recognition of the highest standards of legal excellence, lifetime charter member

Best Attorney, Lifetime Charter Member

Criminal Defense Attorney of the Year, Century City Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

"Lawyers Get \$35,000 an Hour — and Shareholders Foot the Bill," *HuffPost Crime*

"Hurdles in Securities Fraud Litigation: An Overview," co-authored with Janet S. McCloud, *Securities Litigation Report*

"In Blake Versus Peterson, Difference Was Defense Strategy," *Los Angeles Daily Journal Forum*

"What if a juror's motive is a lucrative book deal?" *San Jose Mercury News*

"The Basic Rules of White-Collar Defense," *Wall Street Journal*

"For the Defense", *Loyola Law Review*

"Justice in America", *Loyola Law Review*

"How to Use Media in High Profile Cases", *LA Daily News*

"On Second Thought", *California Lawyer Magazine*

"Using the Media to Your Advantage", *The Champion*

"How Did Michael Jackson's Defense Team Dismantle the Prosecution's Case?," *California Attorneys for Criminal Justice Forum*

"The Lawyer of the Century: Robert Shapiro," by Mary Waldron, *LawCrossing*

"When the Press Calls – A Lawyer's View", Meet the Press, California Litigation, State Bar of California

"Innocent Until Proven Ratings," *LA Confidential*

"In Casey Anthony's case, The Law Worked", *Los Angeles Times*

"Keeping an Eye on White Collar Fraud Investigations", chapter in Aspatore Books, Inside the Minds: White Collar Fraud Investigations

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

World YPO, Greece, keynote speaker

Martin Luther King Memorial, April 4th keynote speaker, Memphis, TN

Yale Political Union, keynote address

Loyola Law School, DSBA Speaker Series, keynote speaker

Stanford University, student body address

UCLA, student body address

University of Michigan, student body address


ChainXChange Conference, Las Vegas, Bringing the Legal Field into the 21st Century, keynote speaker

Professional Education Systems, one-day seminar for Attorneys, Defending the Drunk Driving Charge in California, speaker, San Francisco, Los Angeles

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Charge in California, speaker, San Francisco, Los Angeles

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, The Nuts and Bolts of DWI, speaker