



Barry T. Harlan

In Memoriam

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Practice Groups

- Business & Civil Litigation
- Certified Specialist in Family Law, State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization
- Family Law
- Cohabitation Agreements and Litigation
- Division of Property
- Divorce or Dissolution of Marriage
- Family Law Mediation
- Modifications of Spousal and Child Support
- Paternity
- Prenuptial and Postnuptial Agreements
- Spousal and Child Support
- Visitation and Custody

Biography

IN MEMORIAM

Barry T. Harlan was a divorce attorney and Certified Family Law Specialist designated by the State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization. He represented high net worth individuals in complex **divorce matters** where the earnings and property of the parties were significant.

Barry had extensive experience in divorce matters where multiple corporations were owned by the couple, and in other cases where complex compensation packages or parental fiscal responsibilities were to be determined and properly distributed. He also handled Family Law matters where **custody and visitation rights** were at issue.

Whether handling emergency Family Law matters or complicated financial transactions, Barry's goal was to bring calm to the chaotic world of Family Law for our clients, some of whom include the

following professionals or their spouses:

- Business Owners in a variety of industries
- Celebrities
- Corporate Executives earning complex benefits or compensation packages
- Doctors and other Health Care Professionals
- Entertainment Industry Artists and Executives
- Financial Planners & Accountants
- Manufacturing & Distributing Company Owners
- Professional Athletes
- Real Estate Professionals

As Chair of the Family Law Practice Group at the Firm, Barry lead a team of several [experienced family law attorneys](#) and paralegals. Under his supervision, the Family Law Practice Group provided, and continues to provide, excellent service through cost-efficient methods.

Barry also negotiated and drafted [pre-nuptial, post-nuptial and cohabitation agreements](#) for clients which saved time and future litigation costs. He was involved in the leading published case in California on post-nuptial agreements, entitled *Marriage of Burkle*.

Designated a *Southern California Super Lawyer* since 2004 as well as one of the **Top 100 Attorneys in Southern California** each year since 2013, Barry was also chosen one of the *Top 25 lawyers in the San Fernando Valley* by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*. He carried a **5.0 AV Preeminent** rating by Martindale Hubbell—reflecting the highest level of legal ability and an ethical standard awarded for an attorney, and was named one of the **Best Lawyers in Los Angeles in Family Law** since 2012, as published in *Southern California's Best Lawyers* editions of the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Best Lawyers Magazine*.

He has been honored by the Van Nuys Superior Court for his efforts in organizing and scheduling attorneys to preside in family law mediation cases, and was also a recipient of the *Stanley Lintz Award* for outstanding professional and community service, awarded by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

Barry was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and all of the Superior Courts in the State of California. This California divorce attorney served the Los Angeles Superior Court as a Judge Pro Tem and a Family Law Mediator.



Publications & Noteworthy Legal Activities

- Selected, [Best Lawyers 2016 \(Family Law\)](#) - Best Lawyers Magazine Business Edition 2016
- Co-Presenter, [The Role of Therapist in Family Law](#) - California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists, San Fernando Valley Chapter, 2012
- Co-Presenter, [Marriage, Divorce & Cohabitation: Common Misconceptions](#) - MCLE accredited Seminar Series, July 2012
- Named, [Southern California's Best Lawyers 2012 \(Family Law\)](#) - *The Los Angeles Times*, November 2011
- Co-Presenter, [Family Law: The Impact on Your Business](#) - MCLE credited Seminar Series, May 2011
- Co-Presenter, *Family Law and Estate Planning Crossover Issues* - Beverly Hills Bar Association 2011
- Co-Presenter, *Family Law and Estate Planning Crossover Issues* - Orange County Bar Association 2011
- Co-Author, [Family Law Mediation: Achieving Wellness in an Uncertain Economy](#) - Valley Lawyer, January 2010
- Speaker, *Family Law and Probate Crossover Issues* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Probate Section, February 2009
- Co-Author, [Before Second Marriage, Know All This](#) - San Fernando Valley Business Journal, June 2005
- Speaker, *Family Law and Probate Crossover Issues*, - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, MCLE Marathon, January 2004
- Speaker, *Is a Will Really Void After Divorce?* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Probate Section, October 2002
- Co-Author, *Is Marvin Still Valid?* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association "Lawyers World", September 1996
- Speaker, *Is Marvin Still Valid?* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Family Law Section,

October 1996

- Speaker, *New Family Laws and Cases* - San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Family Law Section, each January
- Family Law Mediator – Van Nuys Superior Court
- Judge Pro Tempore – Van Nuys and San Fernando Superior Courts

Memberships

- State Bar of California
- Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association - Former Member Board of Trustees - Family Law Executive Committee - Bench/Bar Committee - Mediator Chairman, Van Nuys Superior Court
- Board of Directors, Valley Community Legal Foundation - Chairman of Law Day Dinner

Awards

- **AV Rating 5.0 Preeminent**, Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating awarded by peers of the bar and judiciary for legal ability and ethics.
- **The Valley's Most Trusted Advisors, 2016** by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*
- **Best of the Best: Top 100 Southern California Super Lawyers**, as named in *Los Angeles Magazine* since 2013
- **Southern California Super Lawyer**, by *Los Angeles Magazine*, since 2004
- **Top 25 Attorneys of the Valley** by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*
- **Best Lawyers in Los Angeles (Family Law)**, as listed in *Best Lawyers Magazine*, since 2012

Education

- Loyola Law School Juris Doctor (1967)
- University of California, Berkeley Bachelor of Arts, Economics (1964)