

Member Focus



Without its individual members no organization can function. Each of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's 2,000-plus members is a critical component that makes the Bar one of the most highly respected professional legal groups in the state. Every month, we will introduce various members of the Bar and help put a face on our organization.

Carol L. Newman



Law School: George Washington

Area(s) of Practice: Palimony, cohabitation agreements, business litigation, real estate litigation

Years in Practice: 42

Firm: Alleguez Newman Goodstein LLP, Woodland Hills

What was your very first job?

"Assistant Director of Personnel at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington D.C."

Your proudest professional accomplishment?

"President of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association 2015-16 and Top 50 Women Lawyers, Super Lawyers 2017, 2018."

Your favorite cuisine? "Pizza."

Carol L. Newman has been an attorney for 42 years.

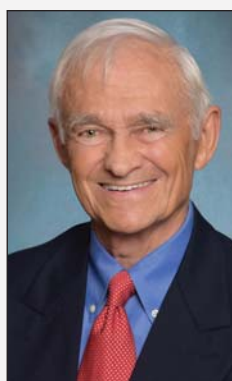
After having her own law firm for 18 years, Newman became a partner in the law firm of Alleguez & Newman, LLP in 2012. Her practice focuses on real estate litigation, business litigation, and legal issues relating to unmarried couples. "I began practicing law as an antitrust prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice in 1977, and spent three years in that position in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles before going into the private sector."

Before opening her own law firm in 1994, she was a partner in two law firms, Rosen, Wachtell and Gilbert and the national law firm Keck, Mahin & Cate.

Newman is a past President of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association and is currently co-chair of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.

A summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University with a BA and MA in English and American Literature, she attended Harvard Law School and is a graduate of George Washington University Law School, where she was awarded the Order of the Coif and served as an editor of the Law Review.

Leon Lewitt



Law School: University of San Diego

Area(s) of Practice: Mergers and acquisitions, corporate, general business transactions

Years in Practice: 56

Firm: Lewitt Hackman, Encino

What's your favorite movie?

"An American in Paris."

What is your proudest professional/personal accomplishment?

"Founding Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan/being married to Barbara for 55 years."

Favorite Valley Restaurant: "Panzanella."

Leon Lewitt was born in Paris and immigrated to the United States in 1947 at the age of 10. He spoke no English then, but later graduated from The Ohio State University with a BA in finance, minoring in accounting.

"I moved to Los Angeles in 1960 and earned my JD in 1963. My brother Maurice and I practiced law for six years in Beverly Hills and then moved to the Valley where Lewitt Hackman was founded in 1969."

Lewitt has represented clients in hundreds of different enterprises. "That's been both satisfying and intellectually stimulating, as I have served as counsel to, as well as a member of, many corporate boards of directors." He has also served as an expert witness in corporate litigations.

"I am very proud of watching Lewitt Hackman grow over the past 50 years. I have been married to it almost as long as I have been married to my lovely wife, Barbara. But I am most proud of my family," he says.

"Barbara and I have two wonderful daughters and four terrific grandchildren with whom I enjoy spending time. Also grateful for being able to spend time with fantastic friends, golfing, traveling and enjoying good food and wine."