



SUZANNE BURKE SPENCER
Managing Shareholder

EDUCATION

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, N.Y.
J.D. 1993

- *Fordham Law Review*, Member and Associate Editor, 1991-93

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C.
B.S. 1988 (Psychology)

- Dean's List; High Honors

CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, Sha Tin, N.T., Hong Kong
Yale-China Association, Yale University
1986-87 Academic Year

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2014 to present **SALL SPENCER CALLAS & KRUEGER**, Laguna Beach, California
Managing Shareholder

December 2009 to December 2013 **THE SALL LAW FIRM**, Laguna Beach, California
Contract Attorney

February 2009 to September 2012 **KOHUT & KOHUT LLP**, Costa Mesa, California
Contract Attorney

March 2006 to January 2010 **HOLDSWORTH & HAGOPIAN**, Costa Mesa, California
Of Counsel

May 2002 to March 2006 **BUCHALTER NEMER**, Irvine, California
Senior Counsel

April 2001 to May 2002; Oct. 2008 to July 2013 **SMITH, ELLISON & HARRAKA**, Irvine, California
Senior Counsel

January 1997 to April 2001 **SALL & SMOLOWITZ**, Laguna Beach, California
Associate

Sept. 1993 to Oct. 1995 & Summer 1992 **DORSEY & WHITNEY**, New York, N.Y. and Costa Mesa, California
Associate

**BAR
ADMISSIONS**

All State and Federal Courts of California, Connecticut and New York
All State Courts of Massachusetts

PUBLICATIONS

Author: *Ethical Enforcement of Attorney's Liens – Avoiding Traps for the Unwary*, California Bar Journal, July 2013

Author: *Who is entitled to fee-based sanctions awards in contingent fee cases – lawyer or client?*
California Bar Journal, March 2014

Author: *The Price of Withdrawal: Contingency Fee Attorneys May Forfeit Certain Fees*
California Bar Journal, April 2015

Author: *Do I have to? Determining whether withdrawal is mandatory*
California Bar Journal, June 2016

**EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS**

Speaker: *Managing Risks for Law Firms Without an Ethics Partner*
State Bar of California 86th Annual Meeting,
October 11, 2013
(presented with Richard T. Egger and William K. Mills)

Speaker: *Practical Ethics of Engagement Agreements:
Get It Right From the Start*
Orange County Bar Association, Last Dash,
January 18, 2014
(presented with Lara A.S. Callas)

Speaker: *Ethical Issues for Pro Bono Lawyers*
Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County,
February 7, 2014
(presented with William K. Mills and Wendy Wen Yun Chang)

Speaker: *Important Ethical Issues for Pro Bono Lawyers*
Los Angeles Law and Justice Center, February 20, 2014
(presented with William K. Mills)

Speaker: *Complex Issues with the Attorney-Client Privilege*
State of California, 2014 California Solo & Small Firm
Summit, June 19, 2014
(presented with Alison P. Buchanan, Richard R. Egger and
William K. Mills)

- Speaker: *Ethical Issues Confronting Federal Government Attorneys*
EEOC's 17th Annual EXCEL Training Conference,
August 13, 2014
(presented with David M. Majchrzak and William K. Mills)
- Speaker: *Ethics and the Globalization of California Legal Practice*
State Bar of California 87th Annual Meeting,
September 12, 2014
(presented with Alexandra Darraby, John W. Amberg and
Jeffery J. Daar)
- Speaker: *The Ethics of Getting Paid*
State Bar of California 87th Annual Meeting,
September 12, 2014
(presented with Alison P. Buchanan and William K. Mills)
- Speaker: *Ethics of Social Media for Lawyers*
Orange County Bar Association, Last Dash,
January 17, 2015
(presented with Lara A.S. Callas)
- Moderator: *Liar, Liar: Negotiation Ethics*
State Bar of California Nineteenth Annual Statewide Ethics
Symposium, April 17, 2015
(panelists Edward J. McIntyre, David F. McGowan and
Hon. John Leo Wagner, Ret.)
- Speaker: *Ethical Issues in Court-Appointed Appellate
Representations*
Appellate Defenders, Inc., San Diego, California,
October 21, 2015
(presented with David Majchrzak)
- Speaker: *Ethics for the Solo and Small Firm Lawyer*
State Bar of California 88th Annual Meeting,
October 9, 2015
(presented with Drew Dilworth, Larry Doyle and David
Majchrzak)
- Speaker: *Ethics of Getting Your Legal Fees Paid*
State Bar of California 88th Annual Meeting,
October 10, 2015
(presented with Amy Bomse, John DeCure and Richard
Egger)

- Speaker: *Ethics of Social Media for Lawyers*
 Orange County Bar Association, Last Dash,
 January 16, 2016
 (presented with Lara A.S. Callas)
- Moderator: *Diminished Capacity Clients: Ethical Issues and Dilemmas*
 State Bar of California Twentieth Annual Statewide Ethics
 Symposium, April 9, 2016
 (panelists Bette B. Epstein, Esq.; Jerome Fishkin, Esq.;
 Scott B. Garner, Esq.)
- Speaker: *Top Ten Ethical and Tactical Mistakes That Can Lead
 to Civil Liability*
 Orange County Bar Association, Summertime Specialty
 Credit Night Seminar
 July 26, 2016
 (presented with Scott B. Garner)
- Speaker: *Ethics Update 2016: Significant Developments in the
 Law of Lawyering*
 State Bar of California 89th Annual Meeting,
 September 30, 2016
 (presented with Merri A. Baldwin and Scott B. Garner)

MEMBERSHIPS State Bar of California Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility
 and Conduct (COPRAC) (2012 to present; current Chair); Orange County
 Bar Association’s Professionalism and Ethics Committee (current member)
 and the OCBA’s Civility Task Force (current member)

***EMPHASIS OF
 PRACTICE*** Legal Malpractice (Prosecution and Defense); Attorney-Client Fee
 Disputes; Business Litigation; Real Estate Litigation