

# JOJIRO TAKANO

## EDUCATION

**University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law**, Juris Doctor, May 1997  
California Law Review, Member and Production Editor  
American Jurisprudence Award, Conflict of Laws  
Jurisprudence Award, Copyrights and Trademarks  
Moot Court Best Brief Award  
Boalt Hall Fellow

**University of California, Berkeley, Economics and Asian Studies**, Bachelor of Arts  
(with Highest Honors), December 1991  
University Medal Finalist (top academic award for U.C. Berkeley graduates)  
Phi Beta Kappa  
U.C. Berkeley Regent Scholar  
National Merit Scholar  
Frank Edward Kraft Scholar

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Shannon B. Jones Law Group**, Danville, CA

Attorney, 2004-Present

Handle all aspects of civil litigation from inception through trial, including pleading, discovery, law and motion, alternative dispute resolution, trial preparation and trial; handle all aspects of appellate and writ proceedings; assist with counseling real estate brokers and agents concerning regulatory matters and requirements of the Real Estate Settlement Practices Act (RESPA) and the Home Equity Sales Contract Act; cases include, without limitation construction defect, real estate, real estate broker and agent defense, general business litigation, and securities

### **Steeffel, Levitt & Weiss, P.C.**, San Francisco, CA

Associate, 1998-2004, Summer 1996

Conducted all phases of civil litigation in a wide range of subject areas, including complex commercial, customer securities arbitration, product liability, construction defect, employment, eminent domain, real estate, bankruptcy, regulated entities, and administrative and public law; assisted with trial preparation in multiple court cases, including preparation of witnesses, motions in limine, jury instructions, exhibit binders, and trial briefs, and with research and briefing of legal issues during and after trial; served as trial counsel in securities arbitration proceedings, including customer and employment disputes, and assisted with trial preparation in many others, conducted before the National Association of Securities Dealers and the New York Stock Exchange; drafted numerous appellate briefs and writs in the California Court of Appeal and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal; advised developers, public utility, and other clients on eminent domain matters; completed week-long NITA trial advocacy training program

**Honorable David F. Levi, United States District Court, Sacramento, CA**  
Judicial Clerk, 1997-1998

Assisted the Court with handling its general civil litigation calendar, which included various commercial, employment, antitrust, personal injury, administrative law, and tribal sovereign immunity matters; prepared bench memoranda identifying key factual and legal issues and making specific recommendations for action on calendar matters; drafted orders for issuance by the Court

**Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Echeverria, San Francisco, CA**  
Law Clerk, Summer 1995

Prepared research memoranda concerning various issues of law and civil procedure; developed responses to discovery requests; drafted pleadings including complaints, discovery motions, motions in limine, an opposition for motion for remand, and an arbitration brief.