

THE MAX GOODMAN FAMILY LAW
LEGACY AWARD

The Max Goodman Family Law Legacy Award was created to recognize an exceptional attorney or judicial officer who has provided outstanding contributions to the area of Family Law and to honor our dear friend, the late, Professor Max Goodman. The inaugural recipient, the Honorable Scott M. Gordon '85 will be presented the award during the CLE lunch.

Hon. Scott M. Gordon '85

Known for his compassion, dedication, ethics, amiability and wisdom, Judge Scott Gordon has been called “the bench officer’s bench officer” and truly represents the model of an Outstanding Judicial Officer. Judge Gordon began his service on the bench in 2002 when he was elected to the Los Angeles Superior Court as a court Commissioner and assigned to the Family Law Department. Later in 2010 he was appointed as Judge by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Quickly after his appointment he was assigned as Supervising Judge of the Family Law Department of the LA Superior Court. He is currently serving as Assistant Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division. Recently, Judge Gordon was awarded the Spencer Brandeis Award by the LACBA Family Law Section. He was recognized with Southwestern’s Outstanding Judicial Officer Award in 2008 and Adjunct Professor Excellence in Teaching Award in 2003. He was also the recipient of the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women “Humanitarian of the Year” award, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s “Prosecutor of the Year” award, and has received more than a dozen commendations from such entities as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the California State Assembly and Board of Equalization, the United States Congress and the Coalition for Battered Women.



Professor Max A. Goodman

The late Professor Max A. Goodman, one of the leading family law experts in California, served on the Southwestern faculty for over four decades. In 1966, he joined the Southwestern faculty where he quickly earned a reputation as one of the most highly regarded family law professors in the country. During recent years, he continued to teach as Professor Emeritus in Residence and formally retired in Fall 2009. Always active in pro bono activities, Professor Goodman served as a volunteer mediator and arbitrator for the Family Law Department and the Conciliation Court of the Los Angeles Superior Court and Dispute Resolution Services and was a contributor to the First World Conference on Family Law and Children's Rights held in Australia. Professor Goodman was an elected Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), and shared his expertise through a myriad of publications and legal forums sponsored by AAML, the California Judicial Council, the Los Angeles Superior Court, California Continuing Education of the Bar, and the Family Law Sections of the American Bar Association (ABA) and many local bar organizations. He chaired the ABA Family Law Section's Law School Curriculum Committee and Ethical Practice and Procedures Committee for many years, and was a prominent member of the Family Law Sections of both the California State Bar and the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA). Professor Goodman passed away on December 31, 2009 at the age of 85.



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The Southwestern Alumni Association is pleased to present this unique MCLE program on pre- and post-marital agreements and other current issues in family law featuring a distinguished panel of experts from the bench and bar. The event also provides us with a wonderful opportunity to recognize outstanding contributions in the area of family law by an attorney or judicial officer with the presentation of the inaugural Max Goodman Family Law Legacy Award.

Southwestern Law School has a proud tradition of training outstanding members of the family law bar, and over 1,000 alumni are currently practicing attorneys or jurists in family law and related areas. Many of those graduates were fortunate to have as their professor one of the most highly respected experts in this field, Professor Max A. Goodman, who served on the Southwestern faculty for more than 40 years.

We hope you will join us for this special family law day of learning and celebration.

"At the close of this decade, the Los Angeles Family Law Community saw the close of an era with the passing of Max Goodman, one of the most well-respected, kindest, gentle beings that difficult field of law has ever been privileged to count amongst its members. A well-respected litigator in the 60's, 70's and 80's, known for his wisdom and ability to reason with people but try difficult cases when necessary; in the later years of his exemplary career, Max turned to teaching law at Southwestern, part of the meteoric success and well-respected reputation of that fine law school. 'Max the Axe' taught thousands of people the finesse of being a fine lawyer, being knowledgeable and prepared as the way to success, being kind and professional as the way to practice law, and being a tough litigator when necessary if other methods fail. The Los Angeles legal community is left with a gaping hole - one not to be filled easily, if at all."

– Stephen A. Kolodny, Partner, Kolodny Law Group,
and a long-time friend of Professor Goodman and Southwestern

SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Remarks
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Pre-Marital Agreements: Crafting/Pitfalls/Litigation Panelists: Hon. Hank Goldberg – Los Angeles Superior Court Chris Melcher , CFLS - Walzer and Melcher
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Post-Marital Agreements: Crafting & Enforceability/ Pitfalls/Fiduciary Duty Issues/Litigation Panelists: Hon. Robert A. Schnider, Ret. – Los Angeles Superior Court Stephen A. Kolodny , CFLS – Kolodny Law Group
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Transmutation Documents: Crafting/Pitfalls/Litigation Panelists: Neal Hersh '76 , CFLS – Hersh, Mannis & Bogen Judy Bogen '80 , CFLS – Hersh, Mannis & Bogen
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Post Disso Filing Documents: Crafting/Pitfalls/Fiduciary Duty Issues/Litigation Panelists: Hon. Dianna J. Gould-Saltman '85 – Los Angeles Superior Court Marshall Waller , CFLS – Feinberg & Waller
1:15 -2:30 p.m.	Lunch Presentation of the Max Goodman Family Law Legacy Award Closing Remarks

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Special recognition goes to those who helped plan and organize the event. Event Chair, Patrick Baghdaserians '07, Stephen A. Kolodny, Neal Hersh '76, Judy Bogen '80 and Seth Kramer '80. And the Sponsors: White Zuckerman Warsavsky Luna Hunt, ARC, Northern Trust, LACBA Family Law Section and Pasadena Bar Association.

CLE This CLE offers 4 hours of CLE credit. Southwestern is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider.

LOCATION For directions to Southwestern, visit www.swlaw.edu/directions. Parking is complimentary.

QUESTIONS? For additional information please contact:
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REGISTRATION

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/swlawfamilylawcle2015>
Alternatively, complete the form below and return it with the registration fee by **May 9, 2015** to:
Southwestern Law School
Institutional Advancement Office
3050 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90010
Fax: 213-736-1205 Email: alumni@swlaw.edu
Each attendee must register. If necessary, make copies of this form and complete one for each attendee in your group. No refunds will be given for cancellations after **May 9, 2015**.

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Before May 9, 2015:
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\$79 – Southwestern Alumni, Member PBA & LACBA
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