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## Stephen G. Larson

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Stephen G. Larson was a United States District Judge and a former Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. Mr. Larson has 27 years of trial and appellate experience, with over 30 jury trials and more than 20 appellate oral arguments, including recent appearances before the California Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

As a federal judge, Mr. Larson adjudicated over a thousand cases, serving first as a U.S. Magistrate Judge and then as a U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California. As a District Judge, Mr. Larson was designated seven times to serve as a Judge for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and was also a member of the Ninth Circuit's Jury Instruction Committee responsible for drafting and publishing model jury instructions.

Since leaving the federal bench to resume private practice six years ago, Mr. Larson has quickly emerged as one of California's go-to litigators, successfully representing both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal trial and appellate courts. Before opening his own litigation law firm with Robert C. O'Brien, Mr. Larson chaired the litigation department of a national law firm. Larson presently represents government entities, businesses, and individuals in matters involving complex business disputes and tort claims; domestic and international compliance and sanctions issues; antitrust actions; intellectual property rights; water, environmental, and real property claims; and criminal and regulatory defense. In addition, Larson has been engaged by both public and private institutions to oversee internal audits, conduct internal investigations, and arbitrate, mediate, and settle disputes.

As a judge, Larson presided over a number of high-profile cases, including *United States v. Nazario*, a landmark Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act case involving U.S. Marines accused of manslaughter during the Battle of Fallujah; *United States v. Duro*, in which he blocked the US Bureau of Indian Affairs' decade long effort to close down and expel a major migrant worker camp on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation; *John Doe v. County of San Bernardino*, which resulted in systematic reform of educational and therapeutic services for disabled youths within the county juvenile hall system; and *Siegel v. Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.*, which determined the ownership of the copyrights to the iconic comic strip Superman.

Along with Mr. O'Brien, Judge Larson was a founding member of the US Department of State Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform in Afghanistan, and as a prosecutor worked with domestic and foreign law enforcement agencies conducting joint training exercises and investigations in Russia, Kazakhstan, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Ukraine and South Korea. As a federal judge he was involved in judicial and legal reform efforts in Uzbekistan, Croatia, and Rwanda. Mr. Larson, a graduate of Georgetown University (BSFS) and the University of Southern California Law School (JD), has taught law school classes in constitutional law, civil rights law, and federal courts, and has conducted law enforcement training at the FBI National Academy at Quantico and overseas on money laundering, asset forfeiture, and U.S. banking regulations.

The Los Angeles Business Journal named Mr. Larson as one of the 500 most influential people in Los Angeles in its inaugural "The Los Angeles 500" publication in 2016.