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Objectives

* To fulfill my lifelong personal dream, answer to my higher calling, and to reach the apex of my professional goal of rendering justice and equity amongst people by taking an active part in the rank of highly esteemed bench officers serving on the Superior Courts of the State of California;
* To combine my ambitions, talents and compassion for service to promoting social justice and establishing a peaceful society;
* To apply my skills, empathy and multifaceted life experiences in the areas of professional, business, social, religious, cultural, and educational involvements to enhance the lives of others; and
* To serve and make a positive difference in the lives of people of the State of California.

Qualifications & Skills

* Vast business and professional experience resulting from twenty years (since 1983), of conducting business as a Founder, Manager, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Marketing Director, and Senior Associate Attorney at my successful law practice (Civil/Business Litigation, Immigration, Family Law, Mediation and Arbitration), in the Los Angeles and Inland Empire Counties;
* Broad scope of social, religious and cultural experiences having served as a certified Temporary Judge, Mediator and Arbitrator in private outlets as well as various County Bar ADR services and Superior Court panels in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (since 1998), in addition to providing services as a private and court interpreter in civil and criminal courts in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange County.
* Longstanding and diligent service on the executive and administrative bodies/agencies of local/national religious, philanthropic, nonprofit/public benefit and social service organizations.
* Diverse educational experience earned through Adjunct teaching opportunities, direct and indirect involvement with youth and child development and educational programs, young girls and women empowerment mentoring courses, workshops and after school programs, as well as through the design, development, implementation, and supervision of legal educational documents, packages and forms currently used by various ADR programs in courts and private outlets, and from developing educational course, workshops, proposals, and training materials for diverse audience and population.
* Extended problem solving, negotiation, communicative skills (with full command of cultural and ethical sensitivities, traditions, religions and languages of the Middle East, and acquired knowledge in human behavior, habits and tendencies of the people of Europe), interactive, and transformative skills, earned through trainings and direct involvement with multicultural, multi-faith, multiethnic and multi-gender groups with sensitive orientations.
* Enduring motivation to advocate human rights and social justice derived from an innate sense of empathy and a rich cultural heritage, intensified by religious persecution of family members and the painful observation of human right violations and sufferings.

Litigation and Law Practice History

1993 to Present ***Law Offices of Soheila Azizi & Associates, P.C.***

Private Practice: Civil Litigation with emphasis on areas of Medical and Professional Malpractice, Business, Family Law, Immigration Law

1993 to 1997 ***Law offices of Abbas Hadjian & Associates***

Civil Litigation Practice with emphasis on Personal Injury, Immigration Law and Business Litigation)

1992 to 1993: ***San Bernardino District Attorney’s Office***

Certified Law Clerk/Intern, conducting Preliminary Hearings and Research

1992 to1993: ***Riverside Public Defender’s Office***

Certified Law Clerk/Intern, representing Defendants on non-felony charges

Judicial, Administrative and Dispute Resolution History

1998 to Present Serving as Temporary Judge and Settlement Officer in San Bernardino County Family Law, DA Child Support, Small Claims and Superior Courts

2000 to Present Arbitrator for State and County Bars’ Mandatory Fee Arbitration Programs

2006 to 2008 Settlement Officer, CRASH Settlement Program, Los Angeles County

2007 to Present Temporary Judge Judicial training & Certification in Bench Conduct Demeanor

2008 to Present: ***IVJC (currently known as CEDRS)***

Mediator and Arbitrator, MCLE and Mediator Training Courses’ Co-Presenter

2011 to Present ***California Arbitration & Mediation Services (C.A.M.S.)***

Co-Founder, Board President and Panelist, a private and nonprofit Mediation and Arbitration practice for Civil, Probate and Family Law cases

2010 to 2011 ***R.D.O.C.S. ADR Services (predecessor of C.A.M.S.)***

Co-Founder, Owner & Panelist

2006 to 2009: ***IVAMS (Inland Valley Arbitration & Mediation Services)***

Mediator and Arbitrator, MCLE Co-Presenter

1994 to 1998 Television Legal Talk Show Co-Host, International Chanel 18

1994 to Present Television & Radio Talk Show guest speaker, addressing Legal, ADR & Social Justice Issues

2007 to Present First Resolution Services, Inc., Mediation and Arbitration Panelist

2009 to Present ***IVJC (Currently Known as CEDRS***)

Supervising Mediation Panelist & Court ADR Liaison

2010 to 2011 San Bernardino County Court ADR Program:

“Triage Program” Developer and Presenter for IVJC

2010 to Present Civil and Family Law Mediation Panel, Riverside Superior Court

2010 to Present Civil and Family Law Mediator, Dispute Resolution Services,

Riverside County Bar Association

2011 to Present University of La Verne College of Law ADR Symposium,

Co-Sponsor and Participant

1984 to Present Active Member on the Administrative and Consultative Body of

Local Spiritual Assembly of Baha’is of United States

2011 to Present Elected Delegate to National Baha’i Convention for Electoral Unit 138, representing 19 local communities, assemblies and groups

1993 to Present ***Law Offices of Soheila Azizi & Associates, P.C****.*

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**Educational, Academic and Teaching History**

2006 to 2007: University of La Verne College of Law

Adjunct Professor of Law, Immigration and Refugee Policies

2004 to 2008: Guest Lecturer: SCMA

Continuing Medical Education Courses for Physicians

Co-Lecturer on Transformative Mediation

2012 Guest Lecturer: Cal. State University, San Bernardino:

The China Program—American Law and Culture

2013 Guest Lecturer: Chapman University, Fullerton School of Law:

Negotiation Course for Arab students

2010 to Present: Presenter:

Workshops on various issues including legal subjects, Dispute Resolution alternatives to litigation, youth development and women empowerment

**Education**

1976 to 1979 National University, Tehran, Iran, Undergraduate Studies Towards a *Bachelor of Arts* in Economics (interrupted by Iranian Revolution & closure of the University)

1979 Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, *Bachelor of Arts*, Economics

1980 Courses in Urban Economics (towards a Masters in Urban Economics)

1981 UCLA Extension Courses

1983 AA in Design and Merchandising

1993 University of La Verne, School of Law, *Juris Doctorate*

Member of Law Review, Journal of Juvenile Law

Dean of Delta Theta Phi International Law Fraternity

1993 to Present Continuing Legal Education Courses, Advanced Family Law Courses, State and County Bar Judicial Training for Small Claims and Superior Courts Temporary Judges, Mandatory Fee Arbitration training; Mediation Training

2006 Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University:

Advanced Family Mediation Skills

2007 Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University:

A Systematic Approach to Mediation Strategies (STAR)

2007 IVAMS: Commercial Alternative Dispute Resolution

2007 to Present Judicial Conduct & Ethics, Bench Conduct & Demeanor training & Certification (& Re-Certification)

2009 CFLR Advanced Family Law Preparation Course for Certified Family Law Specialist Exam (45 Hours)

2009 Minors’ Counsel Training

2010 Collaborative Divorce Team Training (24 Hours)

2010 Inland Valleys Justice Center Mediation Training:

Mediating the Litigated Case

2011 Inland Valleys Justice Center Mediation Training:

40 Hour Mediation Course Co-Presenter to Mediation in Litigation

2011 University of La Verne, College of Law ADR Symposium:

Co-Sponsor and Participant

2012 Center for Understanding in Mediation (Provided by Riverside Superior Court):

32 Hour Advanced Family Law Mediation Training

2012 University of La Verne, College of Law §1983 Civil Rights Symposium:

Co-Sponsor and Participant

2014 University of La Verne, College of Law “Cause Lawyering” Symposium:

Co-Sponsor and Participant

2014 Dynamic Consultation Full Day Workshop: Conflict to Consensus: Participant

2014 Collaborative Divorce Professionals’ 18 Hour Intermediate Mediation Training

**Selected Lectures, Presentations and Workshops**

2004 Guest Lecturer for Continuing Medical Education Courses for Physicians

2006 Co-Lecturer on Transformative Mediation, SCMA

2010 Panel Speaker, University of La Verne ADR

2010 Guest Lecturer: Loma Linda University Graduate School of Psychology: Family Law Mediation

2011 & 2013 Guest Speaker: Baha’i Information Center, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Justice; a Baha’i Perspective

2012 Guest Lecturer: Cal. State University, San Bernardino:

The China Program-American Law and Culture

2014 3rd Annual Student Multi-faith Leadership Conference:

Presenter on Interfaith experience and challenges

Summer Series on Interfaith : Conversation With Interfaith Leaders

2014 Presenter on Elder Issues: Kiwanis Club, Rancho Cucamonga

2014 Panel Presenter on Domestic Violence Issues: Gender Equality Conference,

University of La Verne, La Verne, California

2008 to Present Organization & Public Presentation of Campaigns on Human Rights Violations:

Letter Writing Campaign for Religious Persecution Victims, “The Yaran!”

“Education Under Fire” Campaign and Film Screening at University of La Verne

“Five Years Too Many!” Campaign Against Religious Persecution

**Social and Professional Affiliations**

1993 to Present California State Bar, Active Member

1993 to Present San Bernardino County Bar Association, Active Member

1993 to Present Western San Bernardino County Bar Association, Active Member

1993 to Present Riverside County Bar Association, Active Member

1993 to Present Iranian American Lawyers Association

1989 to Present Delta Theta Phi International Law Fraternity

1993 to Present Board Member of Upland Spiritual Assembly (administrative, consultative, community building & dispute resolution duties)

1995 to Present Past President and Co-Founder of Upland Interfaith Council

2000 to 2012 Consumer Attorney’s Association of Los Angeles

2005 to 2012 Board Member, Community Partnership for Youth Development

2010 to Present Collaborative Divorce Professionals of Inland Empire (CDPIE), Active Member

2005 to Present Directory Member of Mediate.Com

2005 to Present Co-Founder & Board Member/Officer of “Women on the Move Network”

2009 to Present University of La Verne, College of Law’s Choice for “Great Lawyers” Campaign

2009 to Present University of La Verne, Law Review Alumni Association

2011 to Present Co-Sponsor to University of La Verne College of Law ADR Symposia

2008 to Present University of La Verne, College of Law, Board of Visitors

1998 to Present County of San Bernardino, Judicial and Settlement Officer: Small Claims Courts, Family Law and Child Support Courts, Mediation of Family Law, Medical Malpractice, Real Estate, Contract, Business and Complex Civil Cases

2010 to Present *Riverside County Bar Association*, Civil and Family Law Mediation Panel

2010 to Present *Dispute Resolution Services (DRS)*, Riverside County Civil and Family Law Panel

2007 to Present *First Resolution Services, Inc*., Panelist

2007 to 20010 *IVAMS* *(Inland Valley Arbitration and Mediation Services),* Panelist

2010 to 2012 San Bernardino Court “Triage Program” Developer and Presenter for County Contractor, *IVJC (Inland Valley Justice Center)*

2010 to 2012 Supervising Panelist for *IVJC (Inland Valley Justice Center)*

2010 to 2011 ***R.D.O.C.S. ADR Services (predecessor of C.A.M.S.****)*

Co-Founder, Owner and Panelist

2011 to Present ***California Arbitration & Mediation Services (C.A.M.S)***

Co-Founder, Board President and Panelist

Private and nonprofit Mediation and Arbitration practice for Civil, Probate and Family Law cases

2014 to Present ***Iranian American Women Foundation (I.A.W.F)***

Active Member

**Publications and Articles**

1991 Production Editor, University of La Verne, College of Law, The Adelphia Law Journal, Vol. 7. 1991

1992 “Second Degree Felony-Murder Rule and Child Abuse” University of La Verne, College of Law, Journal of Juvenile Law, Vol. 13. 1992

1992 “Is the Unlawful Sexual Misconduct of a Minor ‘Willful Misconduct’ Under California’s Parental Liability Statue?” University of La Verne, College of Law, Journal of Juvenile Law, Vol. 13. 1992

2013 “How to choose the right Attorney?” Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, July 2013

2013 to Present  *Nine O Nine Magazine*: Monthly “Law Talk By: Soheila” articles and commentaries:

“Talk is Cheap!” February 2013;“See You In Court . . . . Really!?” March 2013

“Are You A Victim of Domestic Violence?” April 2013;

“YOUR WORST NIGHTMARES: The Double Jeopardy of Divorce and Taxes!!”

May 2013; “’Father’s Right, Mother’s Rights, Grand Parents’ Rights” . . . Who is Right!?!” June 2013; “A Legal Time-Bomb Called “Statute of Limitations!’” July 2013; “A Historic Background To California’s Same Sex Marriage Laws” August 2013; “THE USA PATRIOT ACT: Preserving The Life and Liberty of Americans After 9/11/01” September 2013; “What are the ‘10 essential health benefits’ under the new AFFORDABLE CARE ACT? ” October 2013; “How Much Do You Know (or need to know) about Entertainment and Intellectual Property laws?” November 2013; “Make Peace With Conflict: Use it as a Stepping Stone, Not a Stumbling Block!” December 2013;“Striving For Excellence” Magazine Cover Story and Biography, January 2014; “Ignorance of Law is Not a Defense! A Glance at some of The New Laws in California For 2014” January and February 2014; “International Women’s Day” March 2014; “What Do You Know About Your Marital Property Rights?!” April 2014; “How Does The Superior Court’s Reorganization Plan Affect Your Access to Justice?” May & June 2014; The Landmark “Patient Safety Act” qualifies for November 2014 California Ballot! July 2014; Prenuptial/Postnuptial Agreements: What, Why and When?” August 2014; “Are You Prepared to Face Elder Law Issues?” September 2014; “October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month” October 2014; “One Nation Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty & Justice For (Almost) All!” November 2014; “At Last, A Sensible Approach to America’s Broken System of Immigration!” December 2014

**Awards and Recognitions**

2007 to Present Nominee: Women of Distinction, State Assembly 63rd District

2012 Recipient: Excellence in Peace Maker Award, Superior Court of California

2013 Nominee: “Women in Business” Award, Orange County Business Journal

2011 to Present “Women of Distinction,” Inland Empire Magazine

2014 Recipient: Jane Addams Award, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside

2014 Recipient: Excellence in Service Award, City of Rancho Cucamonga Service Council

2014 Recipient: Excellence in Service Award, County of San Bernardino

2014 Recipient: Excellence in Service Award, California State Senate

2014 Recipient: Peace Hero, Upland Interfaith Council

**Volunteer Experience and Community Service**

1993 to Present Board Member of Upland Spiritual Assembly

1995 to Present Past President & Co-Founder of Upland Interfaith Council

1995 to Present University of La Verne Mock Trial Competition Judge

2005 to Present Co-Founder & Board Member of “Women on the Move Network”

2005 to 2012 Board Member of the Community Partnership for Youth Development

2008 to Present Board Member of Board of Visitors, University of La Verne, College of Law

2000 to Present Arbitrator for Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program of CA State Bar

1998 to Present Volunteer Certified Temporary Judge, Settlement Officer, Mediator and Volunteer Certified Temporary Judge, Settlement Officer, Mediation and Arbitrator for Riverside and San Bernardino County Small Claims, Superior Court Family Law and Civil Mediation Panels, as well as for local County Bars and ADR panels

**Languages**

Fluent in English, Farsi (Persian) and Afghani

Ability to write and read in Arabic and French