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LAW PRACTICE

For over 40 years Ben Bycel has been involved in almost every aspect of the legal profession. As a trial attorney, he is one of the few Santa Barbara attorneys to have won a landmark case before the California Supreme Court (City of Santa Barbara v. Adamson - 27 Cal. 3d 123)

Ben has been listed in publications in both Los Angeles and Santa Barbara as one of the most "significant" and "trusted lawyers" in the community.

After many years of representing clients in diverse areas of the law, Ben now devotes his law practice almost exclusively to mediation. Besides his law practice he is also a legal consultant and expert witness in legal malpractice and political corruption cases.

LEGAL EDUCATION

Ben served for a number of years as dean of the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law. He was instrumental in ensuring the school's accreditation. As both a professor and dean, Ben supervised and taught many lawyers now practicing both private and public law in Santa Barbara County, including judges, district attorneys, and public defenders.

Ben has also been as an adjunct law professor at, among other places, UCLA, USC, and Loyola. He also taught in the law and society programs at UCSB and Occidental College.

GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Ben also used his legal skills to fight public corruption first as the chief ethics officer for the city of Los Angeles and then for the state of Connecticut. He worked with local and state enforcement officers to investigate and prosecute violations of governmental ethics and corruption laws.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

Ben has a master's degree in history and is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, School of Law. He has written scores of articles on law and ethics. He is also coauthor of *Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury: Greatest Closing Arguments in Modern Law*, a bestselling book on famous courtroom closing arguments.