

## *Curriculum Vitae – November 20, 2022*

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### Employment History

***Sole Practitioner***

November 22, 2022 to present

***Associate Attorney Health Advocates***  
***Leibovic Law Group, LLG***

September 5, 2018 to November 10, 2022

***Duties:*** Represent claimants before the Social Security Administration in the Office of Hearings Operations and the Appeals Council

Client Base: Develop a Northern California clientele based on my solo practice. Each of my clients followed me from my solo practice to Health Advocates. My reputation in the community is such that 10 to 20 new clients seek representation every month, a trend that continues through today.

In 2018, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services GR division made arrangements with me (through my employer at the time) to represent their hearing level claimants. I meet with clients in-person twice in Eureka, and on the date of the hearing. I had a similar relationship with Social Workers at Providence/St. Joseph's Hospital in Eureka. I developed a SOAR+ training program for Social Workers and volunteers who process disability claims before the Hearing level. Currently, I am working with Trinity County, California to develop the same type of program based on recent legislation and funding for Disabled Housing Advocacy Projects in California.

***Sole Practitioner***  
***Fairfield, California***

April 1, 2013 to September 4, 2018

***Duties:*** Working for myself I had hands on control over every aspect of the Social Security claims' process. I performed every task associated with a successful outcome from the first handshake, to getting the payment centers to cooperate in a timely

fashion. I had first-name relationships with the Social Security Field Offices in Solano County which gave me valuable insight into how to manage use vocabulary used at the Field Office level to ensure the smoothest possible course.

I worked directly with Mr. Patrick Stasio, the Director of Solano County's Health Care for the Homeless program. In addition to representing claimants, I acted as a resource Mr. Stasio could turn to when his clients were frustrated by Field Office interaction. In essence, I translated Social Security vocabulary into plain language so his clients could understand what the Field Office was actually telling them.

Between 2010 and 2015, I met with the Director of the Solano County Department of Health and Human Services, Mr. Gerald Huber, and his staff, to encourage them to remove a policy barrier that caused many claims of mentally ill people to be denied. The policy was changed in 2015 so that the Solano County Psychiatrists, Physicians and Certified Nurse Practitioners were allowed to provide opinion evidence crucial to all Social Security cases, especially the mentally ill. I am working on similar policy changes to Humboldt County medical care providers.

*Associate Attorney*  
*Hudson & Mullin Attorneys at Law*  
Fairfield, CA Office

July 7, 2010 through April 3, 2013

*Duties:* Hodson & Mullin specialized in Family law and Workers' Compensation. Hodson & Mullin. I established a Social Security Disability division for the firm.

*Associate Attorney*  
*Richard A. Whitaker, Esq.*

February 9, 2009 through July 1, 2010

I was hired by Mr. Whitaker, who had practiced in the social security arena exclusively for the previous 35 years, as an Associate. I gained valuable information about Disability Law and the Social Security Hearing Offices in Northern California. (San Francisco, Oakland, San Rafael, Sacramento, Stockton.)

**Nebraska Legal Aid**  
Grand Island, NE Office

February 2004 through January 2009

**Duties:** I was introduced to the Social Security disability practice and saw firsthand the struggles of society's marginalized population; the aging, minority and indigent who had no where else to turn.

**Assistant County Attorney**  
**Hall County, Nebraska**

September 2000 through January 2004

**Duties:** I was required to manage 400 criminal and juvenile cases per year from initial charges through verdict regarding all aspects of every case. Hall County at that time had a population of 55,000. It was (and remains) a US State Department Refugee Relocation program. New residents came from Serbia, Croatia, El Salvador, Iraq and Sudan. I gained valuable cross-cultural insight from working with victims of violent crime and their families.

**Associate Attorney**  
**The Law Office of Howard E. Tracy**

February 1988 - October 1990

**Duties:** General practice with specialization in estate and business planning and corporate taxation.

**Associate Attorney**  
**Knudsen, Berkheimer, Walcott & Henderson Lincoln, Nebraska**

September 1985 through February 1988

**Duties:** This firm had three types of clients. The Burlington Northern Railroad, national and state banks and insurance companies. I represented the railroad in FMLA cases and represented insured doctors, lawyers and business owners.

**Family Support, Elder and Child Care, Inc. a 501(c)3 company** 1993 - 1995

## **Social Security Disability Hearing Experience**

Prior to 2018, I averaged between 10 and 15 hearings per month; and was involved at each step of the administrative process. Since joining Health Advocates, I have had no fewer than ten, but no greater than 35 disability hearings per month.

## **Education**

J.D. University of Nebraska College of Law, 1985

I graduated in the top third of my class. I was selected to serve on the National Moot Court Team and the Allen Moot Court Board. I participated in the Civil (Poverty) Law Clinic and the Civil Jury Trial Clinic

- National Moot Court Team
- Allen Moot Court Board

B.A. Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska 1983

- Student Member of the Board of Governors
- Student Member of the Dean's Council
- Scholarships in Music, German and History

## **Licensure**

1985 Nebraska State Bar

1985 Nebraska Federal District Court and 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals

1988 United States Supreme Court

2013 9th Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals

## **Awards & Honors**

2002 U.S. Attorney Award for Outstanding Inter-Agency Cooperation (federal, state and county law enforcement; federal and local prosecutors) This relates to a very large criminal enterprise involving smuggling of workers and forged identification documents. I was a lead prosecutor

## **Professional Organizations**

*National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives* (NOSSCR); sustaining member 2013 - 2016; regular member 2022 to present.

*Lincoln Inns of Court* 1986 to present. It is a mentorship program matching two recent law school graduates per year with established civil and criminal trial lawyers. I was selected by the Honorable Warren Urbom, Chief Judge for the Eastern Federal District of Nebraska, now retired.

## **Personal Organizations**

Golden Gate Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.  
Northern California Women's' Amateur Golf Association.

## **Personal Project**

In September of 2021, I had reached the end of my tolerance for what I perceived to be difficulties with regional and national firms who advertise on the internet. I realized that although there are numerous books about Social Security Retirement, there is only one traditionally published book written for the general public about Social Security Disability. I started writing a book called *Make Disability Pay: Social Security for Adults Who Can't work & Disabled Children*. My agent (Mr. Paul Levine, Esq.) submitted the proposal to traditional publishers in the late summer of 2022. He said he is "cautiously optimistic that at least one" will make an offer. I have made sample chapters from the book available in PDFs on this website.