

JAMES B. CURTIS

EMPLOYMENT

- Teaching** Lecturer in Law, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, 1993 to present
Courses taught: LLM Contracts, Contract Drafting and Negotiation, Commercial Paper
- Lecturer in Law, UCLA School of Law, 2021 to present
Courses taught: Contracts for Foreign Lawyers, Contract Law Analysis and Application
- Instructor, Contracts, UCLA Extension Paralegal Training Program, 1989 to present
Distinguished Instructor Award, 2012
- Law Practice** Bank of the West, Los Angeles, 1997-2019
Senior Vice President and Senior Counsel, Legal Department
California Bankers Association Almon McCallum Award, 2015
[California In-House Banking Attorney of the Year Award]
California Bankers Association Compliance Professional Award, 2006

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Contracts

Extensive experience in all aspects of contract law, including reviewing, negotiating and drafting contracts; development of contract administration policies and procedures; teaching; regulatory compliance. Broad experience with a wide range of contracts, including software and hardware, equipment, acquisitions, consulting, professional services, marketing and sponsorships

Retail Banking

Extensive experience in all aspects of retail banking operations, including: UCC Articles 3 & 4; regulatory compliance; contracts; product marketing and advertising; preparation of disclosures and manuals; teaching; primary responsibility for providing legal services over 22 years to more than 240 Bank of the West banking offices in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Idaho

EDUCATION

- Legal J.D., University of Southern California Gould School of Law, 1982
Vice Chair, Hale Moot Court Honors Program
- College B.A., Eastern Illinois University, 1979; High Honors Graduate

PUBLICATIONS

“Discovery Tips for Record Keepers,” 12 *Los Angeles Lawyer* 43, June 1989

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

- 1989-1997, Senior Attorney, California Federal Bank, Los Angeles
1984-1989, Attorney, Security Pacific National Bank, Los Angeles