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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Owner, Koczanowicz & Hale, an Association of Sole Practitioners, Grover Beach, CA
November 2013 – present

Associated with David P. Hale, another sole practitioner with an office in Clovis California to form Koczanowicz & Hale. Successfully competed for the City Attorney position in King City where he's served since July 1, 2014. Opened a new office in Grover Beach, California.

Owner, Law Office of Martin D. Koczanowicz, Moorpark CA
April 2011 to November 2013

Having returned to southern California after a 20 year absence, re-opened his own firm focusing on governmental agency work. Serves as City Attorney and General Counsel for Successor Agencies for cities of Grover Beach and Tulare, as well as General Counsel for the City of Taft Oversight Board. In addition to municipal law work, continues to provide legal services to private clients in areas of land use, environmental law and insurance coverage.

Senior Attorney, Cota Cole & Associates (Currently Cota Cole, LLP), Madera CA
April 2009 to April 2011

In April of 2009 merged Koczanowicz & Donaldson with the firm of Cota Cole & Associates in order to provide a larger base for legal services for existing and new clients. In addition to continuing to serve the existing clients, assumed responsibility for various litigation matters and provided advice to firm's governmental clients. In 2010 was selected as the City Attorney for cities of Tulare and Chowchilla.

Owner/Partner, Koczanowicz & Donaldson, Oakhurst CA
September 1999 to March 2009

Established private practice in 1999 and brought in a partner in 2004. Focus on representation of public agencies as well as private clients in areas of land use, environmental law, real estate and business litigation. List of clients includes Grover Beach (City Attorney since 2003), Del Rey CSD (General Counsel since 2001), Malaga CSD (General Counsel 2005), land use/CEQA litigation for Madera County (2002-5). Worked as an arbitrator for Keiser Medical malpractice cases and as a mediator and settlement conference judge for Fresno County and Madera County Superior Courts.

Deputy City Attorney, City of Fresno, CA
January 1992 to August 1999

Lead attorney on multi-party complex litigation case filed by City against its insurance companies for coverage of environmental liabilities and clean up of the contamination to City's water wells. Participated in group negotiations (EBMUD) with Federal Government regarding water supply issues. Worked with the League of California Cities on environmental coverage issues, including

submittal of letter brief to the California Supreme Court. Assisted in a CERCLA cost recovery action against numerous PRP's. Represented City in negotiations with U.S. EPA and various state agencies regarding environmental liabilities. Chaired the City Attorney's Office Civil Rights committee. Responsible for the defense of several Sec. 1983 civil rights cases and tort liability litigation. Served as backup legal advisor to the Fresno Police Department. Prosecuted Fresno Municipal Code violations. Litigated land use and fee cases.

Associate Attorney, Jackson, Hargrove and Emerich, Fresno, CA
August 1991 to January 1992

Assigned full case responsibility in business and personal injury defense litigation. Provided legal advice to several governmental entity clients in areas of personnel and insurance coverage. Assisted in defense of white-collar criminal cases in Federal court.

Associate Attorney, McKay, Byrne, Graham and Van Dam, Los Angeles, CA,
December 1989 to July 1991

Full responsibility for case load which included motor vehicle, products and premises liability, F.E.L.A. and U.M. files. Assisted senior partners in complex products liability, coverage and reinsurance dispute cases, including trial preparation.

Associate Attorney, Bollington, Stilz, Bloeser and Curry, Woodland Hills, CA
January 1988 to December 1989

In-house defense counsel for California's sixth largest insurance company. Ongoing work load of 100 to 125 litigation and coverage files.

LEGAL EDUCATION

University of La Verne College of Law, Juris Doctor Degree

Special Project: Prosecution of infractions in Los Angeles Municipal Court, San Fernando

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Polish - fluent
Spanish - conversational

AFFILIATIONS

2000-2004 part-time faculty Criminology Dept. Fresno State University

Admitted Central, Eastern and Northern Federal Districts and 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Serves as Mediator and Early Neutral Evaluator, Fresno & Madera Counties Superior Court ADR Program.

Currently serves on Legal Advocacy Committee, has served on Administrative Services Policies, Brown Act and Public Records Act Committees for League of California Cities.