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PARTNER

EDUCATION

J.D., New York University (1977)
M.L.S., U.C. Berkeley (1973)
A.B., Stanford (1972)

AUTHOR

California Practice Guide – Civil Trials and Evidence
(The Rutter Group 1993-2009)

TEACHING

Lecturer of Law
USC Law School (2004-09)
Stanford Law and Business Schools
(Joint Seminar, 2007)

LEADERSHIP

Co-Chair, Ninth Circuit Judicial
Conference Lawyer Reps (2001-02)
Chair, Civil Trials Subcommittee,
Judicial Council (1990-92)
President, Association of Business
Trial Lawyers (1989-90)

RECOGNITION

Super Lawyer (2005-09)
Southern California SuperLawyers
Magazine/Los Angeles Magazine
Law Who's Who
Los Angeles Business Journal (1995)
Designated a "Go-To Lawyer" for litigation
by a Fortune 500 company,
ALM's Corporate Counsel Magazine
(2007)

BAR MEMBERSHIP

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Robert H. Fairbank is a co-founding partner of Fairbank & Vincent, a business litigation law firm specializing in litigation and trial work. Since 2002, he has been independent counsel for the Regents of the University of California in the *Enron*, *WorldCom*, *AOL Time Warner*, and *Dynegy* federal securities cases. He also acted as counsel for Boards or independent committees of Boards of Mattel, Semtech, and Techniclon in the investigation or defense of threatened or filed derivative actions. His individual defendant representations have included the Chief Financial Officers of IndyMac Federal Bank, Homestore.com and Tenet Healthcare Corporation, and the Chief Lending Officer of Fidelity Federal Bank.

Before creating Fairbank & Vincent, Mr. Fairbank was an associate (1977-84) and then partner (1984-96) at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he had extensive experience in "bet-the-company" cases, including a successful antitrust jury trial for defendant National Gypsum, the successful defense of the first two nationwide conspiracy/medical malpractice trials involving National Medical Enterprises (now Tenet Healthcare Corporation), and a series of successful trials throughout the country in the defense of Farmers Insurance Company in one of the first insurance industry hostile takeovers.

Mr. Fairbank has been an adjunct professor at Stanford Law and Business Schools (2007) and USC Gould School of Law (2004-09), teaching a seminar entitled, "Corporate Fraud: Lessons of Enron and the Financial Crisis of 2008." He is also the co-author of *California Practice Guide – Civil Trials and Evidence* (The Rutter Group), the leading treatise on California civil trial practice.

Mr. Fairbank has served as the Co-Chair of the Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (2001-02), and the past president of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (1989-90). He was also a member of the Judicial Council's Bench and Bar Committee on Local Rules and served as Chair of the Civil Trials Subcommittee (1990-92).

Mr. Fairbank received his A.B. from Stanford University, his M.L.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, and his J.D. from New York University, where he served on the *Law Review*. In 1995, he was recognized by the first "Law Who's Who" in *Los Angeles Business Journal*, which features the 100 most prominent business attorneys in Los Angeles.