

Harvey L. Leiderman

Reed Smith LLP



Summary

Highly accomplished and reputed Fiduciary Counsel to state, county and city public employee retirement systems nationwide, providing strategic advice and representation designed to accomplish system's administrative and funding objectives and risk management. Over 51 years of private law practice.

Key Skills

- Legal advice and strategy
- Risk management
- Creative problem-solving
- Trial and litigation conduct
- Contract negotiation
- Governance principles
- Written and oral communications
- Team leadership and mentoring

Accomplishments

- Successful stewardship of public pension plans for nearly 30 years
- Successful resolution of scores of commercial, antitrust, banking, bankruptcy and pension fund disputes
- Reputation for fair and reasonable treatment of the interests of all stakeholders in public pension plans
- Successful contribution to statewide legislation improving the governance of California's public pension funds
- Advised the California Little Hoover Commission on sustainability of public pension plans during the Great Recession of 2007-09
- Named as one of the Top 100 California Attorneys in 2012 and 2013 by The Daily Journal legal publication

Experience

2006-present Reed Smith LLP Partner and Senior Counsel San Francisco
 Provided fiduciary, investment and litigation counsel to state, county and city public employee pension plans and investment boards, bank trust entities and other commercial clients; named Special Counsel to PeopleSoft, Inc. in hostile take-over bid by Oracle Inc, directing worldwide legal and regulatory strategies and overseeing multiple law firms internationally; provided counsel on corporate governance matters including due process policies, practices and procedures, IT installations, data security, human resources, investment policies, actuarial calculations, bankruptcy and insolvency, securities law, open meeting

laws, conflict of interest laws; frequent speaker at national, state and regional conferences; conducted dozens of educational programs on pension fund governance-related topics

1988-2006 Steefel, Levitt & Weiss, PC Partner San Francisco
Provided antitrust, bankruptcy and insolvency advice and litigation representation to commercial, banking and private entities; provided fiduciary, investment and litigation counsel to state, county and city public employee pension plans and investment boards, bank trust entities and other commercial clients; provided counsel on corporate governance matters including due process policies, practices and procedures, IT installations, data security, human resources, investment policies, actuarial calculations, bankruptcy and insolvency, securities law, open meeting laws, conflict of interest laws; frequent speaker at national, state and regional conferences; conducted dozens of educational programs on pension fund governance-related topics

1975-1988 Landels, Ripley & Diamond Associate and Partner San Francisco
Provided antitrust, bankruptcy and commercial disputes advice and litigation representation

1972-1975 Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison Associate Attorney San Francisco
Provided legal counsel on all aspects of litigation, discovery and trial in areas of banking, antitrust and commercial disputes

Education

1972 Columbia Law School, New York
Juris Doctor

1969 Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

1968 The American University, Washington D. C.
Honors in Government Studies

Professional Affiliations

Admitted, State Bar of California, June 1973
California Supreme Court
U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. District Court, all California districts
National Assn. of Public Pension Attorneys (Chair, Funding Challenges Practices Study Group, 2013-2019)
Board of Directors, Legal Aid at Work, San Francisco, 1990-2010