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**Professional:**

**Whitney M. Skala, A P.C.** 1994- present: Sole Practitioner attorney, in the fields of real estate and business transactions, and, entity formation:

* Member: California State Bar and San Diego Bar Association. Former chair of Real Estate section of San Diego Bar Association;
* Rated “AV” by Martindale-Hubble, highest rating given for skill and ethics, and recognized in a legal survey as one of San Diego’s “Top Lawyers” in the field of Business and Real Estate Transactions;
* Former Secretary of California State Bar *Working Group on Legal Opinions Concerning Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies*, which concluded its Report in early 2017;
* Received California State Bar “Spirit of CEB” award for writing published legal articles and for co-authoring and editing books on corporate formation and corporate buy-sell agreements;
* Author and annual reviewer of CEB’s attorney practice reference books, *Business Buy-Sell Agreements* and *Forming Entities in California*;
* Currently serving on statewide committee recommending legislation and providing professional education on Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies;
* Member, Urban Land Institute (worldwide association with San Diego chapter, focusing on issues of urban real estate development), Lambda Alpha Institute (worldwide association with San Diego chapter, invitation-only association of real estate economists)
* Prior practice was at Seltzer Caplan McMahon & Vitek, 1983-1994 (Partner, 1991-94).

**Museum Spotlight Europe:** 2019-present: Creator and editor of website, [*www.MuseumSpotlightEurope.com*](http://www.MuseumSpotlightEurope.com), publishing original content on all categories of Europe’s museums, previews and reviews of exhibits in Europe’s museums, profiles of Europe’s museums and their founders, and profiles of artists exhibited throughout Europe. Writers are sourced primarily from Europe. Concerning the website:

* In Spring 2022, traveled for eleven and a half weeks throughout Europe, visiting 28 cities and 66 museums;
* During trip, interviewed curators from Museum Thyssen-Bornemisza (Madrid, Spain) and Kunstmuseum (Basel, Switzerland) with videos posted to website, and posted Instagram posts, reels, and stories throughout trip;
* In addition to trip, website continues to expand real-time coverage in Europe by increasing writing staff and publishing calendars and preview articles of significant upcoming exhibits.

**Education:**

* **Georgetown University Law Center:** Juris Doctor, 1983;
* **University of California, Berkeley:** Bachelor of Arts, double major in Economics and Political Science, 1980; awarded young alumnus of the year, 1990; Member, Faculty Club; Member, Order of the Golden Bear.

**Community/Arts & Culture:**

* **San Diego Museum of Art:** Member, Board of Trustees, July, 2023 to present; Member (Patron);
* **Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego:** Member (Patron); legal representation on downtown San Diego locations in 1992-4; legal representation on construction financing for 2020-22 La Jolla expansion project;
* **San Diego Repertory Theater:** 1998-2003 (dates are approximate): Board Member and President;

**Community/Civic:**

* **San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce:** Member, 2007-present; Member, Economic Strategy Working Group, 2022-present; Member, Washington DC Delegation, 2008, 2011, 2015-2019, 2023; Chair, Energy and Water Committee, 2018; Member, Executive Committee, 2017;
* **Rotary Club 33/San Diego:** 2017-present: Member, co-chair of new Member committee;
* **University of California, Berkeley:** Member, Faculty Club;
* **Kappa Sigma Fraternity:** President, Beta-Xi Housing Corporation (University of California, Berkeley);
* **Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church:** Session, 2022 to present; Member, 1995- present;
* **Point Loma YMCA:** Chair, Major Gifts Committee for expansion project, approximately 2000-03;
* **Point Loma High School:** Member, Board of Trustees, 2003-05;
* **St. Augustine High School:** Member, Austin Guild 2001-02.

**Personal:**

Married to wife Susan Skala, AIA; three adult children, two of whom live in San Diego; resident of San Diego since 1983, and in Point Loma since 1990.