

DONALD S. BURRIS CURRICULUM VITAE

Donald S. Burris has been a distinguished practicing lawyer and law lecturer for forty-three (43) years. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 7, 1943, received a B.A. degree with honors from Alfred University in 1965 and a J.D. with honors, graduating at the top of his class at the Georgetown University Law Center in 1969. While attending Georgetown, Mr. Burris was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, Editor-In-Chief of the Georgetown Law Journal and participated as a voting member of various student-faculty committees, including the committee to select a new dean for the law school. In 1970, he served as a law clerk to Judge James R. Browning of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Since that time Mr. Burris has had a notable career as an internationally-oriented trial and business attorney, first in the District of Columbia and for the past thirty five (35) years in Los Angeles. His clients over the years have included clients involved in sports, entertainment, hospitality, the arts and individuals and entities engaged in a wide range of businesses.

Mr. Burris has also served on the faculties of the Georgetown Law Center and Loyola University of Los Angeles Law School, has been a contributing author of various articles and sections of textbooks relating to his professional and teaching activities and has also served as a member of the Board of Directors for a number of entities, including Jinpan International Limited (“JST”), a publicly-traded NASDAQ-based corporation which manufactures cast coil transformers for power distribution on a world-wide basis and whose manufacturing facilities are located in Shanghai, Wuhan and Haikou, Hainan Island, China.

Mr. Burris currently resides in Santa Monica, California and is the senior partner in the AV-rated firm of Burris, Schoenberg & Walden, LLP. He has been actively involved in a national and international business litigation and business law practice since 1970. He is admitted to practice in California, the District of Columbia and Maryland and has been involved in cases in state and federal courts throughout the United States, including the United States Supreme Court and cases before international tribunals. While engaged in private practice, Mr. Burris served as an Adjunct and Associate Professor at the Georgetown Law Center from 1972 to 1976, as Special Counsel to the United States Senate Watergate Committee from 1973 and 1974, and as an Associate Professor at the Loyola University of Los Angeles Law School between 1976 and 1979.

Mr. Burris has periodically sat as a Judge Pro Tem at the Santa Monica, California Superior Court since 1987. He has also lectured on an annual basis for the International Law Institute's Orientation in the United States Legal System Program in Washington, D.C. since 1976 and has participated in the development and teaching of a course at the Institute designed to educate foreign lawyers with regard to the American legal system. He has been designated as an expert witness in a number of cases with regard to various legal issues relating to various aspects of the litigation and legal ethics and his firm has served as an approved defense counsel by a number of trade associations and insurance carriers. Mr. Burris' clients have varied in size and have included

companies involved in, among other areas, publishing, international trade, technology, shipping, manufacturing, entertainment, and the apparel trade, and have further ranged from small and medium-sized entrepreneurs to larger publicly-traded entities such as Jinpan International Limited, referenced above, and Banque Colbert, a subsidiary of the French entity, Credit Lyonnais. In the course of representing these clients Mr. Burris has been called upon to perform diverse tasks ranging from overseeing and directing litigation as lead or local counsel, advising clients as to litigation strategy and rendering legal opinions as to proposed corporate actions to supervising the actual acquisitions or sales of the respective business.

Mr. Burris has been active in the soccer world since he moved to California in 1976. Not long thereafter he and a number of soccer “pioneers” such as the late Peter Bridgwater and Bill Sage, among others, set up and operated the Western Soccer Alliance (“WSA”), later recast as the Western Soccer League, at a time when the unfortunate demise of the NASL had left a large void with regard to professional soccer on the West Coast. Ultimately, the WSL proved to have laid a reasonable foundation for the MSL, with many young veterans of the league rising to meet the challenge of professional soccer at a higher and very professional level.

As an attorney, as opposed to being a supporter, Mr. Burris has represented soccer players, officials and management personnel. As far as being a supporter, Mr. Burris and his son, Darren (a striker at Santa Monica High School and at American University and UCSB, can be seen from time to time attending the MLS Cup or FA Cup finals and try to see as many Galaxy matches as their schedules permit. Lately, they have been joined by Don’s six year old grandson, who has already been chosen to train with a young South Bay club side. A devotee of the English leagues, Mr. Burris is alleged to share his allegiance with the “Blue” and the “Red” (i.e. Everton and Arsenal, respectively.)

For almost fifteen (15) years Mr. Burris has devoted a considerable amount of time to the pursuit of art works and other assets stolen by the Nazi authorities before and during World War II. These efforts culminated in 2004 with a successful argument to the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Altman v. Republic of Austria*, 541 U.S. 677 (2004), at the conclusion of which the Austrian government was ordered to, and did, return to the firm’s client’s possession a number of priceless historic paintings by Gustav Klimt. Mr. Burris has lectured about these experiences at a number of law schools, including Vanderbilt, Pepperdine, Texas Tech, Nebraska and the John Marshall School of Law and at a number of other venues, including the Cabo San Lucas, Mexico conference for the Federal Bar Circuit, a New York-based conference sponsored by the Duke Law School and at additional programs developed by the New York and California State Bars , and has authored an article for the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law entitled “Reflections on Litigating Holocaust Stolen Art Cases.” He is currently involved, both as lead counsel and as local counsel, in a number of cases in the state and federal courts dealing with the restitution of property stolen by the Nazis during the Holocaust, including the *Von Saher* case featured prominently in the course materials.