
BRUCE E. COOPERMAN

College

- UC Irvine; BA History 1974
 - Summa Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa

Law School

- UCLA School of Law 1977
 - Order of the Coif

Admitted

- 1977, **California and Federal Courts**

Memberships / Leadership Roles

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Fellow)
- International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Fellow)
- **American Bar Association** (Member)
- **State Bar of California** (Member)
- **Los Angeles County Bar Association** (Member, Family Law Section Executive Committee, 1996-2002, 2015-2017)
- **Beverly Hills Bar Association** (Family Law Section)
- Southern California Chapter American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 2003-2004 (President)
- Executive Committee Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section, 2001-2002 (Chairperson)
- Los Angeles County Bar Family Law Symposium, 2000 (Chairperson)
- Southern California Chapter American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Trial Advocacy Institute, January 1999 (Dean)
- Los Angeles County Bar Child Custody Colloquium, 1998 (Co-Chairperson)

Honors

- Recipient of the 2024 **Spencer Brandeis Award**, the highest honor bestowed by the Los Angeles County Bar Family Law Section
- Recipient of the 2019 **Family Law Person of the Year** Award, the highest honor conferred by the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Best Lawyers' 2024 **Los Angeles Family Law "Lawyer of the Year"**
- Best Lawyers' 2019 **Los Angeles Family Law "Lawyer of the Year"**
- Best Lawyers' 2014 **Los Angeles Family Law "Lawyer of the Year"**
- Listed in "**The Best Lawyers in America**," 2003-Present
- Selected Southern California "**Super Lawyer**", 2004-Present
- Selected Southern California "**Top 100 Super Lawyers**," 2004, 2006, 2012-2014
- Martindale-Hubbell **AV Preeminent** Rated

Publications

- Contributing Editor, Hogoboom & King, California Practice Guide: Family Law 1, (TRG) 1988-Present.
- Co-Author: "Million Dollar Babies—The Family Code Anticipates That In Extraordinary High Income Cases, Guideline Child Support May Exceed the Needs of the Children," Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine, February 2005
- Co-Author: "Depositions -- A Practical Approach," L.A. County Family Law Bar - Family Law Reference Book, 1996, 1997, and 1998

Panelist/Lecturer:

- "Employment Equity Grants and Awards: Evidence and Arguments," AAML Trial Advocacy Institute, January 2019
- "Direct and Cross-Examination of a Forensic CPA," 2nd Annual Sorrell Trope Family Law Trial Institute, March 2018
- "The Use of Experts After Sanchez," AAML Trial Advocacy Institute, January 2018
- "The Art of Presenting Your Case," Los Angeles County Bar, Family Law Symposium, May 2017
- "Business Valuation," CFLR Experts Series, November 2016
- "And Now . . . Brandes," The Southern California Family Law American Inn of Court, May 2016
- "Deposition Tips, Tricks, and Traps," AAML Trial Advocacy Institute, January 2016
- "My Smoke, Your Mirrors: Accounting Games People Play," AAML Trial Advocacy Institute, January 2014
- "Fiduciary Duty Claims: Translating Legal Concepts to Practical Advocacy," Beverly Hills Bar Association, June 2013
- "Ask The Experts - Family Law," Beverly Hills Bar Association, April 2013
- "Claws & Effect: Searching Out An Enforceable Prenup," AAML Southern California Chapter, February 2013
- "Drafting Family Law Agreements," CEB, November 2012
- "Imputed Income: The Netherworld of Gross Cash Flow For Support," ACFLS 20th Annual Spring Seminar 2012
- "Outshrinking The Shrink -- Attacking The Psychologist's Achilles Heel," AAML Mid-year Meeting, March 2012
- "Cross-Examination of Child Custody Evaluators," Los Angeles County Bar, Family Law Section, Child Custody Colloquium, October 2010;
- "Outshrinking The Shrink -- Cross-Examining The Psychologist," AAML Trial Advocacy Institute, January 2010

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- “What Are We Valuing In An Appraisal?” California CPA Education Foundation, October 2009
 - “Fiduciary Duties and the Effect of Mediation Confidentiality,” Los Angeles County Bar, Family Law Symposium, May 2009;
 - “Advanced Evidentiary Issues in Family Law Trials,” AAML Trial Advocacy Institute, January 2008
 - “The High Earner Problem and Solutions,” AAML Trial Advocacy Institute, January 2004
 - “Marital Standard of Living,” California CPA Foundation, November 2002
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 - “Prenuptial Agreements After Senate Bill 78,” Los Angeles County Bar Association, December, 2001;
 - “Buzzwords VII - Discovery,” Los Angeles County Bar Association, December 2000
 - “Reiflerized Orders to Show Cause,” Los Angeles County Bar Family Law Symposium, May 1998
 - “Family Law Buzz Words,” Los Angeles County Bar Association, April, 1997 and November, 1998
 - “Discovery in Family Law Matters,” Los Angeles County Bar, Family Law Symposium, May 1996
 - “Marriage Dissolution Practice,” The Rutter Group, April 1996
 - “Death and Dissolution,” Los Angeles County Bar, Family Law Symposium, May 1994
 - “Family Law Fundamentals”, The Rutter Group, 1991

Reported Cases

- In re Marriage of Brandes (2015) 239 Cal.App.4th 1461
- In re Marriage of Burkle (2006) 139 Cal.App. 4th 712
- In re Marriage of Hill & Dittmer (2011) 202 Cal.App.4th 1046
- In re Marriage of Drake (1997) 53 Cal.App.4th 1139
- Estevez v. Sup. Ct. (1994) 22 Cal.App.4th 42