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Education: U.C.L.A. 1978, B.A., History & Sociology
U.C. Berkeley Boalt Hall 1982, Juris Doctorate

**Licensing/
Certification:** State Bar of California, 1982, #104324
Certified Family Law Specialist, State Bar of California, 1992 to present

Awards: Rex Sater Award for Excellence in Family Law, 2003
Northern California Super Lawyer, 2005 - 2008
Best Lawyers in America, 2006 - 2008

**Employment/
Professional Activities:** Founding Partner: Conner, Lawrence & Rodney, 1983 to present

Judge Pro Tem: Domestic Calendar, Settlement Conference Panelist and Case Management Conference panelist, Sonoma County Superior Court, 1992 to present

Board of Directors: International Academy of Collaborative Practitioners, 2008 to present

Board of Directors: Collaborative Council of the Redwood Empire, 2004 – 2008 (President, 2004 – 2006)

Member: Alternative Dispute Resolution Steering Committee, Sonoma County Bar Association, 2001 to 2004

Member: Family Law Committee of Sonoma County, 1987-1989, 1999-2001 (2001 Chair)

Co-Chair: Collaborative Law Section, Sonoma County Bar Association, 1998-2000

Member: Sonoma County Women in Law, 1984 to present (Board, 1984-1988)

**Presentations
and Trainings:** Collaborative Practice Trainers
Mastery of Collaborative Practice, 8 class series, 2008
Mastery of Collaborative Practice, 10 class series, 2007

Collaborative Council of the Redwood Empire
1 day training, Difficult Conversations, 11/07
2 day Training, The End Game, 11/06
2 Day Training, Role of the Law in Collaborative Cases, 11/05
3 Day Training, Mediation Skills for Collaborative Practitioners, 11/04
Roles of Professionals in Collaborative Cases, 6/04
Board retreat facilitation, 9/07 and 9/08

Collaborative Practice San Mateo
1 day annual retreat and training, 1/09

Collaborative Practice, San Francisco
1 day annual retreat facilitation, 3/09

Cincinnati Academy of Collaborative Professionals
2 day training, The End Game, 4/09

Collaborative Practice Napa
1 day training, Introduction to Collaborative Practice, 3/08

Eidos Projekt, Fischbachau, Germany
3 day trainings, Basic Collaborative Practice, 8/07, 2/08 and 1/09

Michigan Collaborative state conference
1 day facilitation and training, 1/09

Collaborative Family Law Professionals of Marin
½ day training, The End Game, 3/09
2 day training, The Role of the Law, 3/08
2 day training, Creating the Collaborative Team, 9/07

Collaborative Practice Group of Contra Costa/East Bay
Annual group retreat facilitation, 9/08
2 day training, The Collaborative Endgame, 6/08
2 day training, Collaborative Negotiations, 11/07
2 day training, Mediation Skills for Collaborative Practitioners, 9/05

Collaborative Practice California annual conference
Well Functioning Collaborative Practice Groups, 4/08
Communication Challenges for Client-Centered Collaboration, 5/07
The Role of the Law in Collaborative Cases, 3/06
Building Successful Collaborative Groups, 3/06
Board retreat facilitation, 8/08

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals annual conference
Pre-Conference Trainer's Institute, 10/08
Thriving Collaborative Practice Groups, From Theory to Practice, 10/08
The Collaborative Endgame, 10/08
Development and Care of Multi-Disciplinary Practice Groups, 10/05
Building an Effective Collaborative Team Panel, Boston Annual Forum, 10/04
Better Practices Panel, Vancouver Annual Forum, 10/03

Center for Mediation in Law
32 hour Basic Mediation Intensive, April 2008 and September 2008

Sonoma County Bar Association, Family Law Section
Tracing from A-Z, 6/07

Sonoma County Legal Aid, 11/05
Alternative Approaches to Co-Parenting Disagreements

Business Valuation Seminar, Legal Aspects, 9/03

Steven C. Neustadter Collaborative Law Symposium, 5/03

Collaborative Law, State Bar of California Convention, 10/02

Conflict Resolution Skills, Timber Harvest Workshop, 9/02

Family Law Case Management Conference Program Training, 6/02

Legal Aid Family Law Training, 2/99, 2/00, 2/02

Family Law Evidence Seminar, 4/01

Child Custody Evaluator Training, 6/99

The Expert Witness, 10/98

CEB Recent Developments in Family Law, 1990-1994

Publications:

Collaborative Family Law Practice Materials, 2002
with Steven C. Neustadter, Revised 2004 and 2008 with Margaret L. Anderson

The Use of Experts in Child Custody Litigation, FairShare newsletter,
May 2000, with Jacqueline Singer, Ph.D.