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Director, District 13

My CSA career began in 1999, when I was appointed as a CSA Delegate. I first attended a CSA Board meeting in September 2001 when I presented concerns regarding Team Health. I filled in at a Board meeting in April 2002 for Director Dr. Kevin Becker who could not attend, and became Director for District #13 in June 2002 after an uncontested election. To promote regional professional collegiality, I have organized district dinner meetings, most of which provided CME credits free to CSA members, and spoken myself on topics of social and political interest. A member of the Legislative and Practice Affairs Division since 2002, I became Vice Chair for Practice Affairs in 2004. I have served on the following CSA Committees: Membership, Public and Professional Communications, Nominations, and chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Disaster Preparedness. I also serve on several ongoing ad hoc committees of LPAD including those on Workers Compensation, Medi-Cal obstetric billing, and balance billing. I have lobbied officials at the DHS and in the California and national legislatures. I am an associate editor of the *CSA Bulletin*, for which I have written several published articles. I am a delegate to the ASA. Passionate about tort reform, I have attended a CSA Workshop on Media and Communications, and participated in CMA Legislative Days in Sacramento and in ASA Legislative Conferences in Washington. A strong proponent of using humor as an adjunct to medical therapy, as well as a practitioner of the art of kibitzing generally, I am always searching for a bully pulpit to address the absurdities and instabilities of our current medical system.

I practice at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center, a large community hospital in Laguna Hills, known for serving Laguna Woods (median age 78) as well as a high risk obstetric population. I am a shareholder in California Anesthesia Associates Medical Group, Inc., an integrated practice of 60 MDAs serving Long Beach Memorial, Saddleback, and South Coast hospitals, as well as many outpatient anesthetic settings. After completing training at UCI in Orange under Dr. Bruce Cullen and Dr. Kevin Tremper in 1983 (boarded in 1984), I practiced at Western Medical Center in Santa Ana (four years), South Coast in Laguna Beach (where I served as Chief of Anesthesia, 11 years), Orange Coast in Fountain Valley (locums), Long Beach Memorial (locums) , and now Saddleback primarily for the past seven years.

I was born in Manhattan in 1948, graduated from Kingston (N.Y.) High School in 1966 and Harvard College in 1970. I took two years off to explore San Francisco and northern California and Europe, then attended medical school at SUNY Upstate in Syracuse and graduated from Tufts in 1976. I did a medical internship and residency at Tufts New England Medical Center and became boarded in Internal Medicine in 1979. I practiced for two years as an internist in Somerville, Massachusetts, within the National Health Service Corps before training in anesthesiology. I have been married for 24 years and have two children, a daughter recently graduated from UCLA and a son in his second year at SFSU. I enjoy photography, theater, concerts, skiing, hiking, (very) occasional golf, my Apple Macintosh, traveling, food and wine. I also serve as an alumnus college interviewer.