



Biographical Information

Douglas A. Scott, Esq.

Douglas A. Scott graduated from Claremont Men's College, in 1970, Cum Laude with a B. A. Degree in English, and double minors in History and Philosophy., worked as a Special Assistant to the then California Governor and future President of the United States, Ronald Reagan. He also worked as an assistant District Representative for Congressman Charles Wiggins.

In the fall of 1970, Mr. Scott enrolled at Loyola University School of Law in Los Angeles, graduating in the top 1/3 of his class and passing the California Bar Exam on his first attempt.

Mr. Scott was the sole practitioner from 1973 to 1976. In 1977 he formed the partnership known as Scott and Johnson with attorney Arnold Johnson, specializing in civil litigation, personal injury, real estate, family law, and probate. During this time, Mr. Scott and his firm became Regional Subrogation Counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company handling all of Liberty Mutual's subrogation cases from Long Beach east to Blythe at the California/Arizona border up to 1982.

In 1983, Mr. Scott joined the prestigious and then largest Orange County personal injury law firm of Jay Horton, Frank Barbaro & Ned Reilly, as a Senior Associate, specializing in handling personal injury cases for plaintiffs only.

Of note, Mr. Scott served as Trial Co-Counsel with now deceased partner Frank. P Barbaro in the case of Soule vs. General Motors, in the summer of 1990 at the Orange County Superior Court/Fullerton Branch before Judge James Alfano. The case went to verdict in excess of \$1,650,000.00. Defendant General Motors appealed the verdict, but the verdict was upheld and is reported in the California Supreme Court Decisions at 8 Cal.4th 548 (1994). The case is taught in law schools up to this present date throughout the United States.

Mr. Scott later formed another partnership with former Horton, Barbaro & Reilly attorney Mark Peterson, known as Peterson & Scott, again doing plaintiff personal injury work for approximately five (5) years until Mr. Peterson became a Superior Court Judge who still sits on the bench in Riverside County.

Mr. Scott also formed his last partnership with Hanna & Scott for another five (5) years with attorney John Hanna, also a former Horton, Barbaro and Reilly attorney. Mr. Hanna was appointed as Chief Legal Counsel for the California Department of Corporations.

For the past twenty (20) years, Mr. Scott has worked as a sole practitioner both individually and in association with other counsel in the handling of significant personal injury cases for plaintiffs as well as probate litigation and will contests. He has settled or tried numerous cases to verdict involving traumatic injuries for individuals who have been hurt as a result of auto accidents, road defects against the State of California, product liability cases involving ladders, construction equipment, and vehicles made by Ford, Chrysler, General Motors, Nissan, Toyota and BMW and their component parts suppliers, premises liability cases; medical malpractice cases involving adults and brain damaged infants, elder abuse cases, and molestation cases involving child abuse including the Catholic Church Clergy cases. Mr. Scott was one of the attorneys including Todd Rash and William Light, who negotiated the largest settlement of \$4.2 million in San Bernardino County for (2) individuals against the Archdiocese of San Bernardino County and the Order of the Sacred Heart in 2003.

He has been named as one of California's Super Lawyers. He continues to represent plaintiffs in all areas of personal injury/tort law as part of his continuing practice. Mr. Scott continues to actively practice today in Southern California with his son, attorney Matthew D. A. Scott, and longtime Senior Associate Attorney William Light.

Mr. Scott has represented thousands of clients in his legal career and has been in hundreds of mediations on behalf of his clients.