

JERRY SONENBLICK

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS BACKGROUND

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Arizona: Bachelor of Science, 1953

University of Arizona: Bachelor of Jurisprudence, 1957

PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATION

Actively practiced Law in Tucson, Arizona for 22 years, specializing in real estate, syndications, commercial transactions, estate planning and corporate law.

Former Chairman of the *State Bar of Arizona Public Relations Committee*

Former Chairman of the *Pima County Bar Public Relations Committee*.

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT BACKGROUND

Former Chairman, *Empire West Companies*, large developer, apartment manager, and building contractor of more than \$300,000,000 of improved properties, including 15,000 apartments in 7 states, residential homes, offices, restaurants, retail stores, residential town houses, and other related activities.

For the past 10 years active in capital formation for builders and land developers, having raised over \$100,000,000 from investors for various opportunities.

BUSINESS BACKGROUND

President, *Sonenblick Company, Inc.*, specializing in real estate development, venture capital opportunities, fund raising syndications, joint ventures, and land developments.

Co-founder and original member of the Board of Directors, of *CyraCom Communications*, a company that offers a patented dual headset telephone receiver, providing automated live language translation in over 50 different languages for two or more people on the same line at the same time. The company's primarily target is over 900 hospitals and has established a growing niche throughout the country, resulting in increased medical relief for foreign patients that speak a foreign language.. Present run-rate gross revenues will approximate \$100,000,000 this year.

Former Chairman, *SJN, Inc.*, formerly named *Sonenblick Coffee Company, Inc.*, which specialized in the roasting and packaging of specialty high grade gourmet coffees, teas, and related products for distribution at wholesale level. Trade name: *Café Tostino*.

Founder and operating President for the first 4 years of the *Desert Angels*, a non-profit organization, that provides a forum for investors interested in start up and early stage venture capital companies.

Founder and presently operating President of *DesTech*, a profit making company, formed in a unique joint venture with the Tech Transfer Department of the University of Arizona to commercialize patented, inventive technology created by University of Arizona Professors. Initial project is a portable pathogen detection device.

BANKING BACKGROUND

Former Chairman, Executive Committee, *Tucson Savings and Loan Association*, an FSLIC insured institution, sold in 1987 to Home Savings.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Southern Arizona Co-Chairman, *US Senator Dennis DeConcini*, 1988 Reelection Committee.

Southern Arizona Chairman, *Bill Schultz for Governor*, 1986 Campaign Committee.

Former Chairman, *Raul Castro for Governor*, 1984 Election Campaign.

Former Chairman, *Dick Mahoney for US Senate*, 1994 Election Campaign.

US Democratic National Committee member, consisting of nationwide party and civic leaders, 5 years.

Former *Registration Chairman, Pima County Democratic Party*.

Former *Pima County Vice Chairman, Democratic Party*

Former Chairman of *Nucleus Club*, Democratic Party Luncheon Club, consisting of party leaders and activists.

Former Chairman of the *Southern Arizona Democratic Club*, a political action organization.

Former Chairman of the *Desert Caucus*, a registered political action club supporting Israel.

Delegate to the Democratic National Convention, New York City, August, 1980.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Founder and Chairman of the *Desert Angels*, an organization, consisting of accredited investors interested in investing in start-up and early stage companies, including co-investing with venture capital firms.

Founder and present President of Desert Tech, a company that has contracted with the University of Arizona, and has an exclusive right to all new technology that originates from the University.

Former member, REAP, an organization consisting of real estate professionals.

Former member, *Board of Advisors, Eller School, University of Arizona*, entrepreneurial business school MBA programs.

Former President, *Tucson Jewish Federation*, central authority for the entire Jewish community in Southern Arizona.

Former Chairman, *Arizona Post*, Jewish Federation newspaper.

Former member, Board of Directors, *United Way*, charitable organization.

Former member, Board of Directors, *Primavera*, housing, counseling, and job training for the homeless, charitable organization.

Former member, *Arizona Multi-housing Association*, including *National Board of Advisors*.

Former board member, *88-Crime*, crime information and reward agency.

Member, *President's Club*, University of Arizona.

Graduate, *Leadership Tucson*, a selected group of leaders chosen by the *Tucson Chamber of Commerce* to hone skills in community activities.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Former teacher, Pima Community College, *Real Estate Law*.

For five years taught *Estate Planning* at the Jewish Community Center.

TELEVISION, RADIO, NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE

Former Moderator for two years in a 17-week television series, *A Matter of Judgment*, a public affairs program covering a broad range of legal subjects, furnishing answers to telephone questions called in “live” to lawyers specializing in a particular weekly subject.

Former daily announcer on *Good Morning Tucson*, a part of the network show, *Good Morning America*, addressing various legal topics.

Numerous television and radio interviews in San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Cleveland, Tucson, Phoenix, as part of a book tour.

Numerous interviews for book reviews in newspapers and magazines nationwide.

LITERATURE

Author, *The Legality of Love*, published in February, 1981, dealing with new legal trends and practical legal solutions and contract rights, affecting all personal relationships, together with a summation of the applicable law in all states.

Author, *Disbarment*, published in October, 2012, honor is shredded; moral courage is tested, in this fictional legal thriller dealing with a lawyer who betrays his clients, plus other complicity issues, i.e. back-stabbing among partners; a failure to disclose conflicts of interest; prevailing religious snobbery during the 1960s; the shattering of family trust; and concluding with dueling brilliant minds in a pitched courtroom drama.

Author, *The Vengeful Unhinged*, to be published in early. 2016, is a captivating thriller, combining high-stakes crime, revenge, and greed set against the tumultuous backdrop of the 1960s political scene. Previously, disbarred in Arizona, Mason Grewe, who ends up in Las Vegas as the head of a multi-inspired, international money-laundering scheme, is fueled by revenge against David Sherwood, who brought about his disbarment. Power-driven billionaire, Barney Stone, also seeks to up-end David because he won't bend to his will. Such are some of the opposing forces David Sherwood must overcome, as he seeks an appointment to the US Senate.

AWARDS

Man of the year, 1987, Jewish Community, highest distinction service award.

Presidential plaque, Desert Angels, venture capital investor group.

Presidential plaque, Desert Caucus, registered political action committee.

LICENSES

State Bar of Arizona Association, presently inactive.

Pima County Bar Association, presently inactive.

State Bar of California Association, presently inactive.

State of Arizona Real Estate, presently inactive.

PERSONAL STATUS

First marriage, 24 years, two children, fully emancipated.

Second marriage, 13 years, one step child, fully emancipated.