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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, J.D.,
1970

Stanford University, B.A., 1967

OVERVIEW

Terry Bird has been litigating, trying, and winning complicated civil and white collar criminal cases for more than 40 years. He started his trial experience as a federal prosecutor in the Los Angeles U.S. Attorney's Office. Before that, he clerked for Justices Lynn "Buck" Compton and Robert Thompson at the California Court of Appeal. His extensive and successful trial experience in commercial business litigation and white collar criminal prosecutions has been recognized by his election to the American College of Trial Lawyers and his selection as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Southern California.

As a civil litigator, Terry has represented some of the largest corporations in the country, as well as their top executives. He has litigated for and against some of the largest Fortune 500 corporations. He has represented municipalities like Santa Monica and Hermosa Beach in high stakes litigation with oil companies. His civil practice centers on the defense of all forms of commercial litigation and class actions including contract, fraud, RICO, employment, unfair competition, shareholder derivative suits, false claim act violations, and breach of warranty matters.

As a white collar defense attorney, Terry has concentrated in securities, mail fraud, tax, customs, and government fraud cases. His clients have included executives at internet, telecommunications and power and energy companies, as well as key participants in IPO securities investigations. Recently he successfully secured a dismissal of all charges brought against a former Executive of a large Chinese agri-business conglomerate by the Department of Justice in a major trade secret prosecution. Terry has headed several corporate internal investigations to aid prominent companies (Broadcom, Yahoo) and/or their boards of directors in the exercise of their fiduciary duties to their shareholders.

Throughout his career, Terry has maintained a close relationship with the courts and judiciary. He served on President George W. Bush's Judicial Advisory Committee and as such was one of six lawyers responsible for selecting candidates for the Central District of California's federal bench and its United States Attorney. He has twice served as Chairman of the Central District of California Lawyer Representatives to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and once as Chairman of the Lawyer Representatives Coordinating Committee for the entire Circuit. He served as one of 10 lawyers on the Ninth Circuit Advisory Board and then served as Chair of the Advisory Board.

EXPERIENCE

Obtained preliminary injunction in a pro bono class action lawsuit against federal prison over the inefficient measures taken by prison officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Successfully convinced the court to require prison officials to consider all medically vulnerable, non-violent prisoners and those over the age of 50 for home confinement.

Represented the Special Litigation Committee of Broadcom Corporation's Board of Directors for investigation and litigation of derivative claims related to allegations of back-dated stock options.

Represented Western Digital Corporation in successful trial defense of securities and contract claims.

Represented CFOs of Qwest International, Homestore, Inc. and New Century Financial Corp. in civil litigation, SEC, and U.S. Attorney's Office investigations.

Represented the City of Hermosa Beach in a breach of lease and contract litigation involving claims for more than \$700 million in damages.

Represented Canon USA and Nokia, Inc. in separate unrelated class actions, each of which involved claims of defective products.

Represented Purex Corporation at trial in coverage litigation involving environmental claims.

Represented the Alaska Public Utilities Commission in cost overrun hearings related to construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).

Represented City of Santa Monica in a successful resolution of litigation with petroleum companies.

Represented a physician in a RICO case involving allegations of medicare fraud. Prevailed on a motion to dismiss and defended the ruling on appeal in front of the Ninth Circuit.

Represented an investor in a joint venture in a dispute concerning ownership of a hotel and other real properties in Panama. Case resulted in a buy-out settlement to the client's satisfaction.

HONORS & AWARDS

American College of Trial Lawyers, 1995-present

"Senior Statespeople" Trial Lawyer, Chambers and Partners USA, 2011-2021

"Senior Statesman" Trial Lawyer, Chambers and Partners USA – Nationwide, 2014-2019

Leaders of Influence: Litigators and Trial Attorneys, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2022

Humanitarian Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2021

Southern California Super Lawyers, *Los Angeles Magazine*, 2005-present

“Lily Award,” Voice for the Animals Foundation, 2017

Top 100 Lawyers, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2009

Best Lawyers In America, 1995–present

Listed, The 25 Best White Collar Crime Attorneys in California, The Client’s Guide to America’s Leading Lawyers for Business, Chambers and Partners USA

Top 100 Southern California Lawyers, *Los Angeles Magazine*

AFFILIATIONS

Chairman, Board of Directors of People Assisting the Homeless (P.A.T.H.)

Member, St. Matthews Episcopal Church Vestry

PUBLICATIONS

Interviewee, “Trial Pros: Bird Marella’s Terry Bird,” *Law360*, March 2016

Author, “Budget Cuts, ADR Could Undermine State’s Judicial System,” *Daily Journal*, October 2004

Author, “Shooting Holes in the Shell Game with Expert Testimony,” *Association of Business Trial Lawyers Report*, Vol. 16, No. 2, February 1994

EVENTS

Presenter, “Corporate Internal Investigations of Fraud Allegations,” CalCPA Education Foundation 2017 Accounting & Auditing Update Conference, April 2017

Panelist, “Bending the Bars: Testing the Bounds of the Actual Innocence Requirement in Criminal Legal Malpractice,” Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference, February 2015

Co-Presenter with Mitchell A. Kamin, “The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Recent Developments and the DOJ/SEC Resource Guide,” Legal Department of Southern California Edison, March 2013

Guest Lecturer, “Corporate Fraud,” University of Southern California School of Law, 2005-2016

Panelist, CLE International Conference, “Foreign Corrupt Practices Act – Keeping Up with Anti-Bribery Enforcement Issues Around the World” (September 2012)

Panelist, “Internal Investigations,” CLE International Conference, 2005-2007

Panelist, “Stock Option Backdating,” CLE International Conference, January 2008

Panelist, “Lessons From The Trenches: What Business Trial Lawyers Can Learn From Criminal Defense and Personal Injury Trial Practice,” Association of Business Trial Lawyers, December 2003

FORMER POSITIONS

Law Clerk, Justice Lynn D. “Buck” Compton and Justice Robert Thompson, California Court of Appeals, Second District 1970-1972

Assistant United States Attorney, Fraud and Special Prosecutions Unit, 1972-1977

Special Counsel, Alaska Public Utilities Commission, 1977-1985

ADMISSIONS

California, 1970