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SUMMARY

A true self-starter and Renaissance man. Multifaceted and eclectic, with a great range of interests and accomplishments in fields as diverse as social entrepreneurialism and non-profits, law and children's advocacy, and business start-up and operations.

BUSINESS AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICES OF ADAM MICHAEL SACKS *Founder* 2001 – present Los Angeles, CA

Started up and managed law firm and generated immediate profitability. Marketed to clients via direct mail, managed ads in magazines and newspapers, and earned advertising with feature stories in L.A. Parent and L.A. Family magazines. Set up billing systems for clients, interviewed, vetted, hired, and managed office staff as well as attorneys for both temporary contract and full-time positions. Invited as guest speaker to give public talks to groups for parents of children with autism, ADHD, Asperger's, and others.

Practice in the areas of business and contracts, international trade, special education, real estate, negotiations and mediation, family law and immigration, and trusts (including special needs trusts). Manage all aspects of civil and criminal matters from client intake to settlement and/or judgment in federal, state, and administrative forums. Handle trademark and copyright matters, including cases before the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board. Mediate cases as California Certified Mediator.

Special emphasis since 2004 on litigation matters. Handling family law matters (custody and divorce) and criminal law defense. Criminal law defense emphasis on serious state and Federal crimes.

CHILD ADVOCACY PRACTICE *Partner* 2001 – present Los Angeles, CA

Act as an advocate for children. Represent children before numerous school districts and California Regional Centers. Conduct mediations and negotiate individualized education plans, for special needs children, with teams comprised of school faculty and professionals in all disciplines with an interest in the child. Petition for and secure hard-to-obtain school district funding for many children's special needs, such as for specialized computers, physical therapy, suicide prevention programs, private school funding, and so on. Assist in favorably resolving educational disputes with schools and other groups.

BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

TOMI GROUP *Founder* 1999 –2001 Tel Aviv, Israel

Social Entrepreneurism. Founded and solely funded a highly successful non-profit organization whose objectives remain both helping children with developmental disabilities and fomenting

wholesale transformation in Israeli society's attitudes toward such disabilities, including parental blame and concepts of just desserts, that long hindered treatment and exacerbated stigmatization.

Best Practices Education. Managed data gathering and research on world's best practices for treating developmental disabilities and introduced new methods of treatment to Israel. Brought in European experts to train local professionals in the field.

Established an office, built up a library of books on the subject for use by the public, oversaw translation of critical materials, including an important book on disabilities, into Hebrew and Russian, and organized seminars for parents and health professionals.

PR and Advertising. Organized and was spokesman for press and public relations, fund-raising, and personal television appearances. Designed the web site at www.tomi.org. Secured features in Israeli major newspapers (translation of article in nation's largest paper appears at http://www.tomi.org/ma'ariv_article_eng.htm) and appeared on national television to raise public awareness.

Results: Revolutionized Israel's understanding of developmental disabilities by raising public awareness of autism and other developmental disabilities. Became household name in Israel on the subject of autism and continue to conduct interviews for major national media today.

COMPUTER ADAPTATIONS, LTD. *President* 1989–1999 Plainview, NY; Oakton, VA

Founded and managed a high-technology multi-million dollar import and export operation that generated sales of \$2-3 million each year. Managed dealer and vendor relationships, sales, marketing and advertising, international clients, all aspects of importing including import clearances, export regulations, government relations, international banking transactions, advertising campaigns, high-tech trade shows, and exhibitions. Conducted new product discovery and development. Acted as product buyer, obtained FCC regulatory and Underwriters Laboratory approval of products, dealt with airport customs and forwarding, trademarking of names, and copyrighting of software

EDUCATION

SAINT JOHNS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW J.D. May 1993 New York, NY

Honors: Recipient, Justice Harold Birns Award for Academic Achievement.

Coursework: Intellectual Property, Entertainment Law, Immigration Law, Computer Law, Media Law, Family Law, International Law.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK Stony Brook, NY

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Political Science, May 1987

Honors: Dean's List; Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society); Sigma Beta Honor Society; Teaching Assistant in Business Law.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MEDIA

Guest lecturer, Pepperdine Law School. Teach Unauthorized Practice of Law and Lawyers in the Media in Legal Ethics class (since 2002). Guest speaker at California Bar Review course. Article in *LA Daily News*, March 2003 on subject a client and our work together.

Quoted in *In Touch Magazine*, domestic law April 2005, criminal law matter May 2005, child custody matter February 2006 (two issues), child custody matter December 2006.

SKILLS and INTERESTS

Play guitar, computer network technical experience, hardware technical experience.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 2003; New York, 1993; Pennsylvania, 1993; District of Columbia, 1995; Washington State 2008; Alaska 2009; United States Supreme Court, United States Tax Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, United States Court of Veterans Appeals and various other Federal Courts.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Real Estate Broker, New York and California; Notary Public, California; Mediator, California.

Graduate of the Nick Harris Detective Academy – extensive experience as an investigator.