

# ROBERT PAUL FAIGIN, ESQ.

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## ADMITTED

Nevada: January 1995 • California: June 1995

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### CHIEF LEGAL ADVISOR/SPECIAL ASSISTANT FEBRUARY 2001-PRESENT

*San Diego County Sheriff's Department*

*San Diego, CA*

Provide legal advice and guidance to the San Diego County Sheriff and members of his command staff. Represent the Department in administrative hearings and non-civil litigation related court proceedings. Liaison with County Counsel on civil lawsuits, and provide education and guidance to members of the Department.

### LEGAL AUTHOR

JANUARY 2005 – PRESENT

*California Peace Officers' Association*

*San Diego, CA*

Sole author of the California Peace Officers' Association's monthly publication entitled *Legal Update Review*. The *Legal Update Review* contains monthly review, analyses, and summaries of current case law affecting law enforcement throughout the state of California.

### DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

OCTOBER 2000-JANUARY 2001

*Solano County District Attorney*

*Fairfield, CA*

Appear and conduct arraignments, trial setting calendars, preliminary hearings, motions, and sentencing. Prepare and charge misdemeanor and felony cases, involving domestic violence, elder abuse, and child abuse.

### SENIOR DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

MARCH 1998-SEPTEMBER 2000

*Lassen County District Attorney*

*Susanville, CA*

Appear and conduct arraignments, trial setting calendars, preliminary hearings, motions, and sentencing. Prepare and try a large variety of misdemeanor and felony cases, including drugs, domestic violence, theft, welfare fraud, and violent crimes. Additional assignment areas included family support and juvenile prosecutions.

### ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

JANUARY 1999-SEPTEMBER 2000

*Lassen Community College*

*Susanville, CA*

Legal Aspects of Corrections – Introduction to Criminal Law – Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice Professionals

### SOLE PRACTITIONER

JANUARY 1996-MARCH 1998

*Law Offices of Robert P. Faigin*

*Reno, NV*

Sole practitioner focused on criminal defense and litigation. Represented clients in Municipal, Justice, Superior, and Federal Courts. Supervised a support staff, drafted and filed motions, complaints, and various other pleadings.

### DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

JANUARY 1995-JANUARY 1996

*Reno City Attorney*

*Reno, NV*

Practiced in both the Civil and Criminal branches. Prosecutorial duties included misdemeanor charging and trials, as well as conducting arraignments and pretrial settlement conferences. Civil duties included handling various aspects of civil cases filed against the city.

## EDUCATION

### MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 2006-MAY 2008

*California State University, Dominguez Hills*

*Carson, CA*

### JURIS DOCTORATE

AUGUST 1992-DECEMBER 1994

*Pepperdine School of Law*

*Malibu, CA*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS – Criminal Justice

AUGUST 1987-MAY 1991

*University of Nevada, Reno*

*Reno, NV*

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## **Professional Biography**

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While attending Pepperdine School of Law, I participated in four internships with public agencies. My first internship was with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office where I prosecuted under supervision in the Consumer Protection Division. After that, I interned at the Federal Public Defender's Office and the Reno City Attorney's office at the same time. As an intern for the Reno City Attorney's office, I handled a misdemeanor caseload that included trying domestic violence and DUI cases, among others. As an intern for the Federal Public Defender's Office, I assisted on a multi-defendant RICO case. Finally, I interned for the Malibu City Attorney where I did research on civil government issues including rent control.

After graduating early from law school, I began my career with the Reno City Attorney's Office as a Deputy City Attorney. While there, I practiced in both the Civil and Criminal branches. My prosecutorial duties included misdemeanor charging and trials, as well as conducting arraignments and pretrial settlement conferences. My civil duties included handling various aspects of civil cases filed against the city and police officers, including motions, discovery, and depositions. While at the Reno City Attorney's Office, I had the honor of appearing second chair in front of the Nevada Supreme Court in a police false identification case, and I conducted hundreds of misdemeanor criminal trials.

After leaving the City Attorney's Office, I opened my own practice where I handled a variety of cases including criminal, civil litigation, probate, family law, and bankruptcy. As a sole practitioner, I appeared in Municipal, Justice, Superior, and Federal Courts where I filed motions, pleadings, and advocated on behalf of my clients.

Two years after opening my own practice, I received a call asking if I would be interested in trying criminal cases as a Deputy District Attorney for the Lassen County District Attorney's Office. After joining the office, I was promoted to Senior Deputy District Attorney. My duties in the office included making appearances, conducting arraignments, trial setting calendars, preliminary hearings, motions, and sentencings. I was responsible for reviewing, charging, preparing, and trying a large variety of felony and misdemeanor cases including drugs, domestic violence, theft, welfare fraud, and violent crimes. During my time as a prosecutor, I conducted over 50 jury trials and numerous preliminary hearings. I also worked with the Child Support Unit and handled juvenile prosecutions.

While working as a prosecutor, I also taught night classes at Lassen Community College. The courses that I taught were "Legal Aspects of Corrections," "Introduction to Criminal Law," and "Constitutional Law for Criminal Justice Professionals."

In 2000, I joined the Solano County District Attorney's office as prosecutor in the family violence unit. In that role, I was responsible for reviewing, filing, preparing, and handling misdemeanor and felony cases involving domestic violence, elder abuse, and child abuse. The family violence unit was a vertical prosecution unit, which meant that the same prosecutor was responsible for handling cases from filing to sentencing.

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### **Professional Biography (Cont.)**

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In 2001, I was hired by Sheriff Kolender to serve as his Special Assistant. Shortly after arriving, I was promoted to Chief Legal Advisor. In this capacity, I provide legal advice and guidance to the San Diego County Sheriff and members of his Department. I represent the Sheriff and Department in administrative hearings and non-civil litigation related court proceedings such as writs, Pitchess motions, motions to quash subpoenas and other necessary law enforcement related court actions. I also serve as the Sheriff's liaison with County Counsel. In that capacity, I work to help defend deputies and the Department in civil rights litigation by working with County Counsel on everything from discovery to settlement discussions. In addition to administrative and criminal law, my areas of practice for the Sheriff also include employment law, labor law, civil rights litigation, and corrections law.

For three years, I was the State Chair of the Police Legal Advisors section of the California Peace Officers' Association. In my role as state chair, I worked to provide education, advice, and training to law enforcement officers throughout California. I also worked with my fellow attorney law enforcement colleagues to advocate against bad legislation that would adversely affect law enforcement's ability to conduct its daily operations, and fought to ensure that law enforcement is aware of the consequences of bad case law affecting law enforcement.

In addition to my duties at the Sheriff's Department, the California Peace Officers' Association hired me to be the sole author of a monthly subscription publication entitled *Legal Update Review*. Every month I review ten cases affecting law enforcement and reduce them into one page summaries for easy reading by law enforcement officers on the street. To date, I have summarized over 500 cases affecting law enforcement. *The Legal Update Review* is currently subscribed to by peace officers representing approximately 110 law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

In 2008, I completed a Masters degree in Public Administration and graduated from the LEAD San Diego program. LEAD San Diego is an organization dedicated to developing engaged civic and community leaders. Aside from participating in various community events and organizations, I also have been appointed and serve as a temporary judge, hearing small claims cases in San Diego County Superior Court.

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