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**CURRICULUM VITAE:**

**STEVEN L. YARBROUGH**

Born Crescent City, California, October 28, 1949

**PRACTICE:** Conservatorship and Estate Litigation  
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**EDUCATION,  
HONORS:** Juris Doctorate, 1995, University of California,  
Hastings College of the Law;  
Graduate School of Journalism, 1983, University of Missouri-Columbia,;  
Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, 1981, University of Missouri-Columbia;  
Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society;  
Gridiron Club of Washington, D.C.;  
H.S. Jewell, DNSF, Rotary International scholarships.

**ADMISSION:** United States Supreme Court;  
California Supreme Court;  
Northern District Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

**MEMBER:** State Bar of California, Trust and Probate Law Section of the State Bar of  
California, Past Education Committee Chair Silicon Valley Bar  
Association, Santa Clara County Estate Planning Counsel, Past President  
Del Norte County, California, Bar Association, Member California Public  
Defenders Association 1995-2002, Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers  
Association.

**EXPERIENCE:** 2000-Present: Partner in elder law firm of Besson & Yarbrough, focusing  
on conservatorships, trust and estate litigation and patient rights. 1995-  
2000, Partner, Law Offices of Cochran, Follet and Yarbrough, Crescent  
City, California. Court-appointed attorney for felony and misdemeanor

criminal defense, child dependency, and LPS conservatorships. Firm's general law practice included local government representation for harbor district, hospital district, water districts, and solid waste authority, business and contract law, family law, land-lord tenant, and real property.

Clerk, Justice William D. Stein, California Court of Appeal,  
First District, Division One.

Appellate Clerk, California Attorney General's Office,  
Department of Justice, Criminal Division, San Francisco, California.

TRIALS:

**CURRENT TRIAL PRACTICE:** Limited to probate, conservatorship, trust and estate litigation. Court-appointed attorney for conservatees. Experienced trust and estate litigator including pre-trial discovery, trials to judgment, mediation and settlement.

**FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR TRIALS:** Court-appointed private bar attorney for more than 300 adult and juvenile felony and misdemeanor cases per year from 1995 through 2000.

Court-appointed trial attorney for numerous juvenile dependency cases, representing children, parents and grandparents.

Estimated 15 major felony jury trials to verdict, including homicide and numerous three-strikes trials with several re-trials to verdict. Numerous misdemeanor jury and court trials to verdict. Numerous preliminary hearings, pre-trial evidentiary motions and related hearings.

**CONSERVATORSHIPS:** Court-appointed private bar attorney to represent conservatees in numerous LPS and probate conservatorship hearings.

**DEPENDENCY:** Represented children, parents and grandparents in court-appointed dependency hearings and trials.

**APPELLATE:** Oral argument and appellate briefs and writs, California Court of Appeal, First District, Sixth District.

**INTERNATIONAL:** In the High Court of Justice, In the Court of Protection, Family Division, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London.

PRIOR LIFE

EXPERIENCE: Newspapers: Editorial page editor, managing editor, copy desk supervisor.

Writing, photography: Surfing Magazine, Los Angeles Times, National Fisherman Magazine, National Press Photographers Association.

Administrator: Executive director, grant writer, economic development projects coordinator.

Small business owner: Point St. George Graphics Company, Village Glassblowing Studios.

Deck hand: Numerous West Coast commercial fishing vessels.

PERSONAL: Partner, Jann Besson. Seven children. Past Service Board of Directors Los Altos Rotary, Past Service Board of Directors Los Altos Bus Barn Theater Co.; Past President Del Norte County Library District; Past President Crescent City Rotary Club; Former Chair Board of Supervisors Pebble Beach Committee; Redevelopment District Project Area Committee; President Crescent City Swim Club; Bay 4-H Project Leader; volunteer Spanish teacher; youth exchange host.

CURRENT INTERESTS:

Surfing, stand-up paddle board surfing, hiking, biking, photography, 1934 Ford restoration project.