

# ARNOLD BARBA

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### PEPPERDINE CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW

Malibu, California

*Assistant Professor of Law and Practice*

August 2024 - Present

*Adjunct Professor of Law*

January 2009 - August 2024

*Law 644: Introduction to Professional Formation*

Develop curriculum for and teach mandatory, two semester course to first year law students on myriad topics related to professional identity formation, including ethical leadership, core professional competencies, habits of excellence, and vocational discernment in legal profession and legal industry.

*Law 1172: Trial Preparation & Settlement, Civil*

Develop curriculum for and teach upper division elective course on pre-trial preparation and settlement. Course instruction includes preparation of civil case from first client interview up to voir dire; investigation of facts; practical aspects of discovery; importance of depositions and how to conduct them; preparation of case for trial; and settlement.

## SENIOR ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

### PEPPERDINE CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW

Malibu, California

*Senior Associate Dean and Chief of Staff*

August 2026 - Present

*Chief of Staff and Associate Dean of Professional Development*

August 2023 - July 2026

*Chief of Staff and Assistant Dean of Professional Formation*

August 2022 - July 2023

- Serve as senior strategic advisor and trusted counsel to Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean Paul L. Caron on institutional strategy; Pepperdine University and Caruso School of Law administrative priorities; organizational, personnel, fiscal, advancement, communications, and external-relations matters; and emerging issues.
- Assist in developing, communicating, and implementing Dean's strategic priorities and objectives, coordinating high-priority initiatives across Pepperdine University and Caruso School of Law departments. Formulate and track law school's Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) and long-range action plans and support their effective execution.
- Assist Dean in providing administrative and strategic oversight of Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and Graduate Law Programs, supporting Assistant Dean and Managing Director in advancing Institute's continued excellence, strategic direction, operational effectiveness, and alignment with mission and priorities of Pepperdine University and Caruso School of Law.
- Beginning in 2026, in partnership with Pepperdine University's Senior Vice President for Global Impact and Chief of Staff, share supervisory oversight of inaugural Executive Director of Straus Institute's Professional Training Programs and provide strategic guidance and operational leadership for expansion of Institute's professional-training initiatives.
- Collaborate closely with law school's Finance Director and University Budget Director to advise Dean on significant fiscal matters, including enrollment targets, tuition, annual budgeting, resource allocation, and other strategic financial decisions.
- Oversee, coordinate, and execute special projects at Dean's direction and assist with urgent, sensitive, and high-consequence matters, including complex community issues and institutional crises. Collaborate with Pepperdine University's Integrated Marketing Communications team on sensitive institutional communications.
- Organize and facilitate Executive Team and other senior leadership meetings, retreats, and University-level strategic planning and reporting processes.
- Lead or coordinate major events sponsored by Dean, including Annual Law School Dinner, Dean's Speaker Series, 3L Commissioning Service, Baccalaureate Service, and Commencement. Represent Dean at ceremonies, meetings, dinners, conferences, and other internal and external functions as requested.

- Collaborate with Pepperdine University Advancement to implement Dean's fundraising and external-relations priorities, including strategy and engagement involving Caruso School of Law's Board of Advisors and Dean's Council.
- Prepare and edit speeches, remarks, presentations, public prayers, correspondence, and other communications for Dean or for delivery on Dean's behalf. Collaborate with Caruso School of Law's Director of Marketing and Communications to advance Dean's strategic communications and marketing objectives.

*Co-Director of Parris Institute for Professional Excellence*  
*Director of the Parris Institute for Professional Excellence*

August 2025 - Present  
 August 2022 – July 2025

- Lead and oversee programs, classroom instruction, and events designed to promote professional development of law students through Parris Institute for Professional Excellence, including Launch Week, Preceptor Program, Parris Awards, and educational programming focused on leadership, integrity, civility, vocation, and professional excellence.
- Conduct strategic planning interviews with first-year students to help identify their interests and possible vocation in legal profession and develop strategic plan for their remaining law school experience.

*Executive Staff Director*

August 2022 - Present

- Lead and support staff personnel matters, including hiring, counseling, performance development, and organizational effectiveness.
- Collaborate with departmental leadership and help them advance Dean's strategic priorities. Develop agendas and materials for monthly staff meetings and leadership-development meetings for departmental supervisors.
- Review workplace-climate survey results and develop, implement, and monitor responsive action plans.

## LEGAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **LIMNEXUS LLP**

Los Angeles, California

*Retired Partner, Of Counsel*  
*Partner*  
*Senior Counsel*

August 2022 - August 2024  
 January 2015 - August 2022  
 June 2010 - December 2014

Retired as equity partner in corporate transactional and litigation boutique law firm with offices in California, Washington D.C., and Delaware responsible for client generation and firm governance. Law practice included preparation, presentation and resolution of business and labor disputes at mediation, arbitration or trial in federal or state court. Trial & litigation practice included representing utility companies in high exposure litigation, as well as corporate policyholders in insurance recovery, policy enforcement, and bad faith litigation matters.

### **ANDERSON KILL WOOD & BENDER, P.C.**

Ventura, California

*Associate*

May 2009 - June 2010

Complex litigation practice emphasized in representing corporate policyholders in insurance recovery, policy enforcement, and bad faith litigation.

### **BROWN WINFIELD CANZONERI ABRAM INC.**

Los Angeles, California

*Associate*

July 2006 - February 2009

Tried bench trial, arbitration and conducted three mediations as first chair attorney. Responsible for taking cases from inception to disposition. Business and real estate litigation practice included matters in constitutional, zoning, property, tort, and contract law.

**MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP**

Los Angeles, California

*Litigation, Associate*

September 1998 - July 2006

Tried two bench trials, arbitration, and conducted three mediations as first chair attorney. Tried federal civil rights jury trial as second chair attorney and participated in federal habeas evidentiary hearing. Responsible for all tasks necessary to prepare cases for trial. Complex commercial litigation and appellate practice included matters in contract, tort, intellectual property, financial services, and federal transportation law.

**UNITED STATES NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS  
THE HONORABLE HARRY PREGERSON**

Los Angeles, California

*Judicial Extern*

Fall 1997

Conducted legal research and assisted in drafting unpublished dispositions and bench memoranda.

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE****UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

Los Angeles, California

*Sergeant*

June 1989 - June 1995

Coordinated logistical support for artillery fire maneuvers. Trained and evaluated Marine platoon. Meritoriously promoted to rank of Corporal and decorated with *Navy Achievement Medal*.

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL**

Quantico, Virginia

*Graduate*

Summer 1990 &amp; 1993

Trained, screened, and evaluated on leadership ability and potential in an atmosphere of maximum pressure and demand for performance.

**EDUCATION****UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF LAW**

Juris Doctor

May 1998

Honors:

*Corpus Juris Secundum*, Criminal law

Fall 1995

La Raza &amp; Chicano Latino Law Review Scholar

1996

Joseph Drown Foundation Scholar

1996 - 1997

Mexican American Bar Foundation Scholar

1996 - 1997

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Emphasis in Political Philosophy

December 1994

**SERVICE****LAW SCHOOL SERVICE**

- *Admissions Committee*: Review admission applications, including Faculty Scholar candidate submissions; evaluated candidates and participated in recruitment events. Support law school admissions outreach to Christian colleges and universities, as well as recruitment of strong academic applicants with demonstrated Christian faith. August 2022 - Present
- *Belonging Council*: Advise on programming and selection of topics for Open Conversations. August 2023 - Present
- *Search Committee*: Served on the search committee for the Managing Director of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. June 2025 – January 2026

- *Spiritual Life*: Lead Bible studies and provide faith-based mentoring within Pepperdine University and Caruso School of Law communities. Provide individualized mentoring to law students and graduates concerning vocation, leadership, professional identity, and service. Serve as an annual devotional speaker at Dean's Dinner and Bible Study. August 2022 – Present
- *Professional Development*: Led book studies on topics relating to professional development for members of CSOL staff. August 2022 - July 2024

#### **PROFESSIONAL & EXTERNAL ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- *Guest Lecturer*: Delivered lectures and conducted Q&A sessions on professional identity and legal excellence for Pre-Law Societies at Azusa Pacific University and The Master's University. November 2024  
March 2025

#### **COMMUNITY & FAITH-BASED SERVICE**

- *Pre-Incorporation Advisor and Inaugural Board Member* Homeschool Made Simple, Inc. (nonprofit organization) March 2024 - Present
- *Deacon* Bethany Bible Church, Thousand Oaks, CA August 2022- Present

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Arnold Barba, *Cleverly Crafted Self-Insured Retention Provisions Can Defeat Insurance Coverage for the Unwary*, 5 NAMWOLF Newsletter (2012).
- Founder and Author, *Devouring the Distance* (blog) December 2021 - July 2026  
devouringthedistance.com

#### **INTERESTS**

Biblical Theology, Leading Bible Studies, Philosophy, Creative Writing