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Prior to starting his own practice, Mr. Gardner worked at prominent law firms in San Diego. He was Of Counsel to the law firm of Mulvaney, Kahan & Barry, and before that worked as an associate at the law firm of Sullivan, Hill, Lewin, Rez & Engel and as an associate at the law firm of Robbins & Keehn.

Mr. Gardner received his law degree in 1992 from the University of California at Davis. During law school, he was an Executive Editor of the *U.C. Davis Law Review*, and served as an intern to the Honorable Terry J. Hatter of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1988, graduating with honors and distinction.

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