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Milford graduated from UCLA in 1962 with a BS in Business Administration and 1965 with his Juris Doctor, earning Order of the Coif. Milford was a partner at Rutan & Tucker from 1971 to 2020 and is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He specialized in trial and appellate civil litigation representing clients in state and federal court, and in administrative, arbitration and mediation proceedings. Milford litigated and arbitrated nearly 200 cases to judgment or award, including jury and non-jury cases involving business and commercial contracts, partnership and corporate fiduciary issues, state and federal securities law issues, antitrust and unfair competition, professional liability, real estate contracts, receiverships, CC&Rs, title disputes, broker liability, bad faith insurance, and personal injury.

Milford was an All-American miler and captain of the UCLA Varsity Track and Cross-Country teams. During his career, he lectured on civil trial practice for the CEB, Orange County Trial Lawyers, Orange County Bar College of Trial Advocacy, and Federal Bar Association, as well as private organizations.

Areas of Focus

- Federal and State Civil Litigation Practice
- Corporate, Real Estate, Securities Litigation

Publications and Presentations

- Lecturer, *Unlawful Detainer*, 1971
- *Bad Faith*, 1977
- *What Business Lawyers Need to Know About the Law of Evidence*, 1977 and 1982
- Author: Note, "Rule Against Perpetuities: Application of Rule to Commercial Lease to Commence Upon Completion of Building," 12 U.C.L.A. Law Review, 246, 1964

Related Services

- Litigation and Trial
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Real Property Litigation
- Unfair Competition and Class Action Defense Group

Bar & Court Admissions

- State Bar of California

Education

- University of California Los Angeles, School of Law (J.D., 1965), Phi Delta Phi, Order of the Coif
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.S., 1962)

Awards & Honors

- Southern California “Super Lawyer” 2005-2016
- Southern California “Super Lawyer” Corporate Counsel Edition, 2008-2010
- Southern California “Super Lawyer” Business Edition, 2012
- AV® Preeminent™ rating with LexisNexis/Martindale Hubbell

Community Affiliations

- Life member, UCLA Alumni Association
- Past President, Harbor Hill Homeowners Association
- Past Elder, Santa Ana First Presbyterian Church
- Past member and Director, Santa Ana Kiwanis Club
- Past member of the Board of Directors and secretary, Santa Ana-Tustin YMCA
- Past Vice President, Santa Ana Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Past President, Fly Fishers Club of Orange County
- Past District Chairman, Boy Scouts of America
- Presently attends Mariners South Coast Church

Memberships & Associations

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers



- Orange County Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association