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Michael Begovich is a summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UC Davis with a double major in Rhetoric and Political Science. After receiving his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law in 1985, he worked in the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and in an AV-rated civil firm.

Mr. Begovich has been employed as a Deputy Public Defender since September 8, 2008 and has approximately 190 total trials in his career. His trial experience ranges from misdemeanors to murders, special circumstance murder, and various life-top sex cases. Mr. Begovich has tried 10 murder trials to verdict and represented over 30 clients accused of murder. He was as an Assistant Felony Supervisor.

Mr. Begovich was Deputy Director of the San Diego County Office of Assigned Counsel (OAC) from January of 1999 through January of 2012. OAC is one of the largest conflict panel administration programs for indigent criminal defendants in California.

Mr. Begovich has taught criminal law, evidence, legal writing, and trial practice courses since June of 1990. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, presently teaching Trial Practice and Advanced Trial Advocacy. Professor Begovich's academic interests focus on persuasive methods of courtroom advocacy, jury selection techniques, and legal ethics.

Professor Begovich authored Chapter 29, "Jury Selection," in the 2005 - 2012 Editions of CEB's *California Criminal Law: Practice & Procedure*; Chapter 29, "Jury Selection," for CEB's 2010 *California Criminal Law Forms, Third Edition*; and Chapter 3, "Preparing & Presenting Expert Testimony on Scientific Evidence," for a 2012 CEB book entitled, *Scientific Evidence in California Criminal Cases*. He also authored two Chapters in another 2012 CEB book entitled, *California Criminal Sentencing Enhancements*. Mr. Begovich has also published articles relating to Trial Publicity, Voir Dire, Expert Witnesses, and Mental Health Defenses.

Michael Begovich has an AV-rating from *Martindale-Hubbell* and was Chair of the State Bar Criminal Law Section Executive Committee. He received the 2009 "Spirit of CEB" Award recognizing his selfless sharing of information for the betterment of the legal profession.