



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles County Ethics Commission

Background

In 2024, Los Angeles County voters passed Measure G, which requires the creation of an independent Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance to promote ethical, transparent, and accountable County government.

The Los Angeles County Ethics Commission is expected to serve as an independent ethics oversight body for the County. The Commission's role includes overseeing and enforcing laws related to campaign financing, lobbying, conflicts of interest, governmental ethics, and related matters; providing strategic oversight of the Office of Ethics Compliance; adopting rules, regulations, policies, complaint procedures, and penalty guidelines; issuing formal opinions; and adjudicating enforcement matters, including making final decisions following administrative hearings and imposing penalties where authorized.

The Office of Ethics Compliance will carry out the Commission's day-to-day work, which includes education and training, advice and guidance, public transparency and disclosure administration, investigations, audits, referrals to other enforcement agencies, and public reporting.

Ethics Commissioners may be asked to review sensitive or complex matters and must exercise independent judgment, fairness, impartiality, and discretion. Commissioners shall not act as representatives of any nominating authority, elected official, organization, or interest group.

The Commission will meet at least six times per calendar year, and meetings will be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Commissioners will need to prepare for meetings, review materials, participate in hearings or other Commission activities, complete required trainings or disclosures, and comply with applicable ethics and service restrictions.

The time commitment is subject to change and may vary based on the Commission's meeting schedule, agenda items, enforcement matters, hearings, subcommittee meetings, preparation time, and other Commission business. Commissioners should expect to spend approximately 5 to 20 hours per month on Commission-related work. During start-up, the time required initially may be greater. Commissioners are expected to receive \$250 per meeting and reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, in accordance with applicable County Code and policies.

Structure of the Ethics Commission

The Los Angeles County Ethics Commission will have seven members. Applications submitted through this process may be reviewed for consideration by the applicable nominating authority and/or the initial Ethics Commission, subject to the final ordinance and formal appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

The appointment structure includes the following nominating authorities:

- **Governance Reform Task Force (GRTF) initial nomination / County Executive seat beginning in 2029-** One member will initially be nominated through the GRTF process following a public recruitment and application process. Beginning January 1, 2029, this member will instead be nominated by the elected County Executive. This nominee must have a background in public information and public meetings, community outreach and engagement, or using technology as it relates to open government. The initial term for this seat will expire on June 30, 2029.
- **Chair of the Board of Supervisors nomination-** One member will be nominated by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. This nominee must have a background in public policy or public law. The initial term for this seat will expire on June 30, 2030.
- **Assessor nomination-** One member will be nominated by the Assessor. This nominee must have a background in campaign finance, accounting, auditing, and compliance with ethics laws in the public or private sector, or protection of whistleblowers. The initial term for this seat will expire on June 30, 2027.
- **Commission-nominated public applicant pool-** Once the first three nominees are appointed, the Commission will nominate the remaining four members at a public meeting following a public recruitment and application process, which should include outreach to communities that are underrepresented in the County's political process. These nominees should be broadly representative of the general public, and at least one Commission-nominated member must reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. The initial terms for two Commission-nominated seats will expire on June 30, 2028, and the initial terms for the remaining two Commission-nominated seats will expire on June 30, 2031.

After the initial staggered terms, Commissioners will serve five-year terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30. A member who has served a complete five-year term is not eligible for reappointment. If a replacement has not been appointed by the end of a member's term, the member may continue serving in a holdover capacity until a new member is appointed, for a period not to exceed one year.

Nominating authorities shall value lived experience, community leadership, traditional and non-traditional expertise, and working-class accessibility. Nominating authorities and the Board shall consider relevant analytical skills, ability to be impartial, and appreciation for the County's diverse demographics, to the extent feasible and permissible by law.

Commissioners may also be subject to attendance requirements, including possible vacancy provisions for missed meetings, ceasing to be a county resident, removal, or other circumstances specified by ordinance.

Application Overview

The County of Los Angeles is accepting applications for individuals interested in serving on the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission.

The application period will be open from July 6, 2026, through July 26, 2026.

The information submitted in this application will be used to determine eligibility, qualifications, and suitability for consideration for the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission and for review, nomination, and appointment purposes.

Applications and related materials may be public records subject to disclosure under the California Public

Records Act, except as otherwise protected by law. Application materials may also be reviewed, discussed, displayed, posted, recorded, or otherwise made available as part of a public screening, interview, nomination, or appointment process, including at a public meeting or in materials provided to the GRTF, the Ethics Commission, the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Supervisors, or other applicable nominating or appointing authority. Interviews may be recorded for review by applicable nominating or appointing authority.

The review and selection process may include initial screening or narrowing by an ad hoc committee, subcommittee, staff, or other reviewing body. The process may also include use of publicly discussed or approved screening criteria, a rubric, or a narrowing process. Not all applicants will be interviewed or selected as finalists.

Applicants selected as finalists may have their names, application materials, responses, qualifications, and related information released publicly, posted with meeting materials, discussed at a public meeting, and considered during public comment, public interviews, deliberations, nomination, and appointment proceedings.

Finalists may be asked to participate in a public interview before the GRTF or another nominating or appointing authority. Public interviews may be livestreamed, recorded, posted, or otherwise made available to the public. Deliberations regarding applicants, finalists, nominees, rankings, alternates, or recommendations may occur in closed session to the extent permitted by law, and any final recommendation, nomination, or appointment action may be reported or acted upon publicly.

Do not submit Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, financial account numbers, or other personal identifying information that is not requested in this application.

Submitting an application does not guarantee nomination or appointment. Information provided in the application may be used to determine which nominating authority or background requirement may be applicable.

Section 1 - Minimum Requirements

Fields marked with a red asterisk must be completed.

First Name Jeffery

Last Name Daar

Email Address

Primary Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Home Address

Is your mailing address different from your home address?

Are you currently a resident of Los Angeles County?

In which Supervisorial District do you reside? If you are not sure, please click [here](#) to help determine your supervisorial district in Los Angeles County.

Note: Staff may verify district information as part of the application review process.

Do you reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County? If you are not sure, please click [here](#) to help determine whether your home address is located in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

Note: At least one Commission-nominated member of the Ethics Commission must reside in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Staff may verify this information as part of the application review process.

If appointed, are you willing and able to attend Commission meetings, required trainings/orientations, hearings, and related activities, including matters involving ethics, transparency, accountability, compliance, and enforcement?

When are you generally available for Commission meetings?

Do you need accommodation or assistance to participate in the application, interview, orientation, or appointment process?

Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests: Ethics Commissioners will be required to file a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, disclosing financial interests as required by law.

Are you willing to complete and file a Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests?

Yes

Section 2 - Disqualifying Interests

Appointment to the Ethics Commission is subject to eligibility requirements and restrictions involving current, planned, or prior activities, roles, or relationships. The following questions are used to help confirm eligibility and identify any issues that may require additional review. A “Yes” or “Not sure” response does not automatically disqualify you, but additional information may be requested.

Are you currently running, or planning to run, for elected office in Los Angeles County or for any other elected office in a jurisdiction that intersects/overlaps with Los Angeles County?

No

In the last two years, have you served as a County elected official?

No

In the last two years, have you been a candidate for County elected office?

No

In the last two years, have you been an immediate family member of a County elected official?

No

Note: For this application, immediate family means spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, sibling, or child of a County elected official.

In the last two years, have you served as an employee or paid consultant to a County elected official?

No

In the last two years, have you served as an employee or paid consultant to a candidate for County elected office, or to a campaign committee controlled by a County elected official?

No

In the last two years, have you served as an officer or paid employee of a political party?

No

In the last two years, have you been registered as a County lobbyist?

No

In the last two years, have you qualified as a [“major donor”](#) under the Political Reform Act, generally meaning that you made contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year?

No

In the last two years, have you contributed more than \$1,000 total to one or more candidates for Los Angeles County elected office?

No

Are there any other facts or circumstances that may raise a question about your eligibility or ability to be impartial on the Ethics Commission?

No

Section 3: Required Acknowledgements

If appointed, Ethics Commissioners may be subject to restrictions during service and, in some cases, for one or two years after your service ends, unless preempted or prohibited by law. Please carefully review each statement below and indicate your acknowledgment at the end of this section.

- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from seeking County elected office during my service and for two years after my service ends, and from seeking other elected office in a jurisdiction that overlaps with Los Angeles County during my service, subject to the final ordinance and applicable law.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from serving as an officer or employee of a political party during my service.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from employing, or being employed as, a person required to register as a county lobbyist during my service and for one year after my service ends.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from employment, contractual relationships, gifts, or compensation from County elected officials during my service and for one year after my service ends.
- I understand that, if appointed, Ethics Commissioners may be restricted during their service from endorsing, supporting, opposing, contributing to, volunteering for, or working on behalf of any candidate or ballot measure in a County election, or any County elected official running for any elected office, subject to the final ordinance and applicable law.
- I understand that, if appointed, I may be restricted from receiving a no-bid County contract during my service and for one year after my service ends.
- I understand that Ethics Commissioners must exercise independent judgment and not serve as representatives of the person or entity involved in their nomination or appointment.
- I understand that, in connection with Commission-nominated seats, Commission members may be subject to a no-contact rule prohibiting communications with County elected officials or their agents about whom the Commission should nominate, except through public comment at a Commission meeting.

Acknowledgement

Yes, I acknowledge all of the statements above.

Section 4 - Background and Experience

Please keep responses brief and focused. The questions below are intended to help identify whether applicants have background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge in areas identified for the Ethics Commission’s appointment structure. Applicants are not required to select a nominating authority or appointment category.

Why are you interested in serving on the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission?

I have long been committed to promoting transparency, accountability, and the highest ethical standards in government and elections. Throughout my legal career, I have worked to make community, business, and professional organizations more open, accessible, and transparent. I also have a deep interest in effective governance, including the development and reform of organizational charters, bylaws, policies, and procedures.

The opportunity to serve on the County’s first Ethics Commission would allow me to apply that experience to the important work of establishing and implementing systems for administering County and state laws governing campaign finance, governmental ethics, lobbying, and County contracting.

I recently completed a five-year term on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, serving as its President during my final two years. In that role, I led a comprehensive effort to strengthen the Commission’s independence and improve its effectiveness through amendments to the Los Angeles City Charter. These provisions had not been substantially updated since the Commission was established in 1991.

I helped develop the proposed charter reforms and worked with the City Council to place the Ethics Commission’s recommendations before voters as Measure ER on the November 2024 ballot. The measure was approved with nearly 75 percent of the vote. I also spearheaded two separate efforts to modernize the City’s Municipal Lobbying Ordinance.

As President, I worked to make the Commission’s own proceedings more open and accessible. Among other reforms, I improved the public comment process and helped establish remote public comment at every Commission meeting. I believe the Ethics Commission was the first Los Angeles City commission to implement that level of remote public participation following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The creation of a new County Ethics Commission presents a rare opportunity to build a strong, independent, and effective institution from the outset. My experience in governmental ethics, organizational governance, charter reform, public participation, and policy implementation would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to that work.

I would be honored to serve on the County Ethics Commission and to help establish the policies, procedures, and culture necessary to promote ethical government, public confidence, and meaningful accountability throughout the County.

Open Government, Public Information, and Public Engagement. Please select any areas in which you have experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge. Select all that apply.

- Public information
- Public meetings
- Community outreach and engagement
- Technology as it relates to open government

Please briefly describe the background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge for each area selected above.

Public Information

As a Los Angeles City Ethics Commissioner, I was extensively involved in the development and evolution of the Commission’s Public Data Portal. The portal makes a broad range of public records readily accessible, strengthening transparency and public understanding of the influence of money on City issues and governmental decision making. The information available through the portal includes campaign

contributions and communications, lobbying activity, behested payments, Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700), formal ethics advice, enforcement orders, campaign audits, restricted developer information and contracts, and numerous other required reports and filings.

Public Meetings

I have received extensive training in both the California Ralph M. Brown Act and the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. I also have more than 12 years of experience addressing open-meeting compliance issues and ensuring compliance while serving as Chair or President of City of Los Angeles commissions. In addition, for several years, I addressed Bagley-Keene Act compliance matters relating to the activities of the State Bar of California.

Community Outreach and Engagement

Community outreach and public engagement have always been central to my work as an organizer and to every organization in which I have served. I have consistently sought to make government bodies, particularly City commissions, more accessible and responsive to the communities they serve.

For example, while chairing the Los Angeles City Rent Adjustment Commission, I arranged for meetings to be held in communities throughout Los Angeles, including during evening hours, to make participation more convenient and accessible to the public. In 2009, I also obtained authorization to create and personally administer the first Facebook Group for a Los Angeles City commission, before Facebook Pages existed, expanding the Commission’s ability to communicate and engage with residents.

My professional work has reflected the same commitment. I have regularly worked to connect the efforts of lawyers and legal organizations with the broader nonlawyer community. I often describe myself as a community organizer who happens to be a lawyer.

Technology as it relates to open government

I have substantial experience in using technology to enhance government transparency, public access, and administrative effectiveness. During my service on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission, I was involved with the Commission’s Public Data Portal and technology-related matters concerning campaign finance disclosure, matching funds programs, and other public information initiatives and interactions.

As Chair of the Rent Adjustment Commission, I also participated in efforts to modernize and expand the information available through the Los Angeles Housing Department’s website, including improved public access to housing regulations, policies, and related resources.

Public Policy and Public Law. Please select any areas in which you have experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge. Select all that apply.

Public policy

Public law

Please briefly describe the background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge for each area selected above.

Public policy

My interest in public policy started before I became an attorney. I have been actively involved in public policy since my teen years at both the local and state levels. I first testified before the California Legislature when I was 19. I have had prominent roles in many political organizations including but not limited to overseeing some of the largest volunteer Democratic Headquarters in the United States in my role as Chair of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley (2001-2007). I also served for approximately 20 years on the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party, more than 20 years on the Los Angeles County Democratic Party Central Committee and chaired its Judicial Interview Committee for more than 20 years.

I have played a direct role in the successful enactment of California legislation. My work has included amendments to the California Insurance Code on behalf of three California municipalities and, most recently, legislation enacted in 2024 amending California’s International Arbitration and Conciliation Act within the Code of Civil Procedure.

As a City Commissioner, I have been extensively involved in the development and implementation of public policy, including proposed amendments to the Los Angeles City Charter and revisions to municipal ordinances, such as the Los Angeles Municipal Lobbying Ordinance.

During my service on the Los Angeles Rent Adjustment Commission, I established an Internal Review Committee to conduct a comprehensive, regulation-by-regulation review of the City’s rent stabilization framework. The Committee revised outdated provisions, recommended the repeal of unnecessary regulations, and drafted significant new regulations, including comprehensive rules governing primary renovation work. This sustained effort involved meetings approximately every other week over a period of seven years.

Public Law

As an attorney, I have spent many years addressing issues involving the rule of law, legal accountability, and the fair application of legal standards. By way of example, I represented several California municipalities for five years in matters arising from the investment of tax-exempt municipal bond proceeds in Executive Life Insurance Company following its insolvency.

Through my leadership in professional legal organizations, I have also worked on a broad range of domestic and international rule of law matters. In my service on City commissions, I have consistently sought to ensure that public bodies act lawfully, reasonably, transparently, and fairly, and that their decisions reflect both sound legal principles and respect for the public they serve.

Campaign Finance, Accounting, Auditing, Ethics Compliance, and Whistleblower Protection. Please select any areas in which you have experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge. Select all that apply.

Campaign finance

Accounting

Auditing

Ethics compliance in the public or private sector

Protection of whistleblowers

Please briefly describe the background, experience, education, training, or other relevant knowledge for each area selected above.

Campaign Finance

In addition to serving on the Los Angeles Ethics Commission, I have extensive real world experience in political campaigns. I have also long been involved in campaign finance reform efforts going back to the 1970s.

Accounting

My background and experience include interacting with treasurers for political organizations and campaigns as well as my service on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

Auditing

My background and experience include being involved as a City Ethics Commissioner in the Ethics Commission’s auditing of City campaigns.

Ethics compliance in the public sector or private sector

My experience with public sector ethics and compliance is grounded in more than 20 years of service as a Los Angeles City Commissioner, including five years on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. In these

roles, I have addressed a wide range of issues involving governmental ethics, accountability, transparency, and compliance.

In my legal practice, I have also worked extensively with complex rules of professional responsibility and their development. This experience includes reviewing and approving formal ethics opinions issued by the Los Angeles County Bar Association to provide guidance to attorneys on their professional obligations.

Protection of whistleblowers

As a City Commissioner, I have had experience addressing matters involving whistleblowers, including helping to ensure that individuals are able to report concerns safely, confidentially, and without fear of retaliation. In my legal practice, I have also represented whistleblowers in disputes arising from their efforts to disclose misconduct and other matters of public concern.

What expertise, analytical skills, community leadership or involvement, lived experiences, traditional or non-traditional expertise, or other perspectives would you bring to the Ethics Commission? In your response, please discuss any experience you have with ethics, campaign finance, lobbying, transparency, accountability, or government oversight laws, as well as how your professional, volunteer, educational, community, or life experiences would help you effectively serve as a Commissioner. (Desirable qualifications)

To avoid repeating information already provided, I respectfully refer to my responses to the preceding questions, which provide what I believe I can bring to the Ethics Commission.

As a Commissioner, you may be required to evaluate evidence, determine whether a person violated an ethics or campaign finance law, and, if so, decide whether a monetary penalty should be imposed. Please describe your ability to exercise independent judgment and act impartially and fairly when evaluating information and making decisions. If applicable, provide examples from your professional, volunteer, community, or personal experiences. (Desirable qualifications)

I have extensive experience conducting formal administrative hearings, including proceedings involving self-represented parties and alleged violations of ethics and campaign-finance laws. I have also presided over more than 500 hearings as a member of the Los Angeles Housing Department Appeals Board. In those proceedings, witnesses and parties were placed under oath, evidence and arguments were considered, and formal written decisions were issued. These hearings constituted the final stage of the City's administrative process, after which an aggrieved party's remaining recourse was to seek judicial review in Superior Court through a petition for writ of mandate.

In my professional practice, I am an active arbitrator in both domestic and international disputes and regularly conduct evidentiary hearings across a broad range of matters. During the past 12 months alone, I have received more than 150 arbitrator appointments. My international arbitration work, both as an arbitrator and as counsel, frequently requires navigating differences in culture, language, legal systems, and procedural expectations.

Throughout these proceedings, I have consistently focused on maintaining a fair, orderly, and transparent process. I am skilled at ensuring that all parties, including those without legal representation, are treated respectfully, understand the process, have a meaningful opportunity to be heard, and are able to present their strongest case.

Los Angeles County is one of the most diverse counties in the nation. Please describe your appreciation for the County's diverse demographics and how that appreciation would inform your service as a Commissioner. You may include examples from your professional, volunteer, educational, community, or life experiences, including any experience serving, engaging with, or working alongside diverse communities in Los Angeles County. (Desirable qualifications)

As a native of Los Angeles County, I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary growth and transformation of our region's diversity over the course of my lifetime. I firmly believe that this diversity is one of Los Angeles County's greatest strengths, enriching our economy, our civic life, and our communities through a remarkable range of cultures, languages, experiences, and perspectives. I also experience that strength

personally as a member of a multiracial family.

Throughout my professional and civic service, I have consistently worked to promote meaningful diversity within the organizations I have led and supported. Long before formal diversity policies became widespread, I made a deliberate effort to ensure that leadership, membership, appointments, and programming reflected diversity in all of its dimensions.

I am particularly proud of the diversity initiatives I have been able to help advance in organizations where I have held leadership roles. One example is the California Lawyers Association, which adopted forward-looking policies designed to promote inclusion throughout the organization. These initiatives include a model diversity policy for educational programs, a diversity toolkit for its sections and committees, and a diversity appointments policy intended to broaden participation and representation in leadership opportunities.

List any County, city, state, nonprofit, community, civic, advisory, professional, or other boards, commissions, committees, or organizations on which you currently serve or previously served. Include offices held, if any. If none, write "N/A."

I currently serve and have served on many boards and committees including as chair. I also have an extensive background in community organizing. The list below focuses on some of my governmental and professional service.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE – CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Appointed by three different Mayors of the City of Los Angeles to serve as a City Commissioner, with each appointment confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council.

- President and Commissioner, Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

Elected as President for two terms. 2020–2025

- Commissioner, Board of Airport Commissioners, Los Angeles World Airports

Served on the seven-member governing board responsible for oversight of Los Angeles World Airports. 2015–2019

- Chairperson, City of Los Angeles Rent Adjustment Commission

Served as Chairperson for ten years of my twelve years on the Commission. The Commission adopts policies, rules, and regulations relating to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and serves as an appellate body for housing-related decisions where I presided over more than 500 hearings. 2003–2015

- Commissioner, Los Angeles Municipal Election Reform Commission
2013–2014

PROFESSIONAL AND LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

California Arbitration, Inc. (CalArb)

- Founder and President

Founded and currently lead CalArb, which serves as a voice for California's international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution community.

- Founder, Co-Chair, and Organizer, California International Arbitration Week. a joint weeklong program of CalArb and the California Lawyers Association. Co-founded and organized the 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 programs. California International Arbitration Week is California's largest international law event.

California Lawyers Association

- Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
2020–2023
- Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
2020–Present
- Chair, ADR Hall of Fame Award Committee
2020–Present
- Member, Litigation Section Executive Committee
2021–Present

- Member, International Law and Immigration Section Executive Committee
2024-Present and previously as an Advisor Emeritus
- Member, California Lawyers Association Governance Committee
Participate in the review and development of bylaws, governance policies, and organizational structures affecting the Association and its Sections.
2022–2026
- Chair, Warren M. Christopher International Lawyer of the Year Award Committee
2011–Present

State Bar of California

- Chair, International Law Section
2012–2013
- Member, Social Media Task Force
2011–2013

Los Angeles County Bar Association

- Member, Board of Trustees
2008–2009; 2010–2013; 2025–Present
- Chair, Outstanding Jurist Award Committee
2026
- Chair, International Law Section
2007–2009
- Member, International Law Section Executive Committee
2007–Present
- Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Executive Committee
2022–Present
- Chair, Social Media and Community Outreach Committee 2009-2010
- Member, Editorial Board, Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine
2022–2025

Valley Industry & Commerce Association

- Chair, International Trade Committee
2011–2026

Consulegis

- Elected Member, Governing Board
Serve on the nine-member governing board of Consulegis, a European Economic Interest Group (nonprofit) international network of lawyers, accountants, and professional-services firms.
2015–Present

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Began community activism in my teens in Los Angeles.
 - Founded and served in leadership positions in numerous community, civic, political, legal, and professional organizations.
 - Served as an officer, chair, director, board member, commissioner, committee chair, and organizer for a wide range of governmental and nonprofit organizations.
 - Extensive political campaign experience.
- Additional leadership positions and community activities are available upon request.

Have you ever been employed by the County of Los Angeles?

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Please provide up to three professional, civic, community, or personal references who can speak to your experience, qualifications, community leadership, judgment, impartiality, or other background relevant to service on the Ethics Commission.

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Organization (if applicable)	Phone	Email
Robert M. Stern	Fellow Commissioner on the Los Angeles Ethics Commission	Los Angeles Ethics Commission		
David Tristan	Executive Director I worked on Los Angeles Ethics Commission	Los Angeles Ethics Commission		
Terrance J. Evans	Colleague	California Lawyers Association		

You may upload a resume, cover letter, or personal statement using the upload button below. Uploading a document is optional and is not required for your application to be considered. Uploaded documents will be considered part of your application materials and may be subject to the public records and public process disclosures described in this application.

 Jeff Daar CV May 2026.pdf

Section 5 - Optional Voluntary Information

The County of Los Angeles seeks broad, inclusive, and diverse participation on its commissions and public bodies. The following information is voluntary. It will be used only to help understand the overall diversity and representativeness of the applicant pool and Commission composition, consistent with applicable law. You may select "Prefer not to say" for any question.

How did you hear about this opportunity?

Race / Ethnicity

Gender Identity

Disability Status

Section 6 - Certification and Signature

Certification

By signing below, I certify and acknowledge that:

- I have read and understand the application instructions.
- I certify that the information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that incomplete applications may not be considered.
- I understand that submission of an application does not guarantee nomination or appointment.
- I understand that the County may verify the information I provided and may contact other entities or persons to confirm information relevant to my application.
- I understand that my application, reference information, uploaded documents, interview materials, and related materials may be public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act, except as otherwise protected by law. I also understand that, if I am selected as a finalist, my name, application materials, responses, qualifications, interview, and related information may be released publicly, posted with meeting materials, discussed at a public meeting, considered during public comment, livestreamed, recorded, or otherwise made available as part of a screening, interview, deliberation, nomination, or appointment process.
- I understand that, if nominated or appointed, I may be required to complete additional forms, disclosures, ethics training, onboarding requirements, or conflict-of-interest review.
- I understand that, if appointed, I must comply with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances, and service restrictions governing Ethics Commissioners.

Printed Name Jeffery Daar

Signature

Date Sunday, July 26, 2026

Jeffery J. Daar

Jeffery Daar is a principal of the law firm Daar & Newman. Jeffery takes a holistic approach to legal and business issues. Jeff has more than 25 years of extensive experience in cross-border disputes including both in courts and arbitration. He collaborates with lawyers all over the world on every continent. His diverse expertise includes international arbitration and cross-border litigation and transactions, complex state and federal litigation, recognition and enforcement of foreign money judgments and arbitral awards, class actions, employment, trade secrets and technology disputes, insurance including insurance insolvency, appellate work, private post-secondary schools and colleges, and intellectual property. He has extensive experience with provisional remedies including preliminary injunctions, attachments, and other prejudgment relief including in international arbitrations.

Jeffery also now currently serves, in addition, as an arbitrator in domestic and international arbitration matters, including for the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC), Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA), South China International Arbitration Center (HK) (SCIAHK), and the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

He has much expertise in international arbitration and differing cultures, languages and legal systems. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Jeffery was the Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the California Lawyers Association (2020-2023) and remains an active member. He is a founder and President of California Arbitration, Inc. (CalArb) (2022-.) He was the co-founder and the Co-Chair of California International Arbitration Week (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) and is currently organizing and the Co-Chair of the 2026 California International Arbitration Week.

Jeffery is an internationally recognized speaker and writer on international law issues. He is the Executive Editor of the 560 page handbook *International Intellectual Property Law Basics* (2008), which was written by him and 53 other international lawyers from around the world on intellectual property law for more than thirty countries and the European Union. He is also an Associate Editor of the handbook *International Corporate Structures*, which provides a country by country guide for more than thirty countries and the European Union. His recent publications include "California International Arbitration Week: Global disputes are a local reality" (Daily Journal February 2026), "Go Global," the cover featured article on international arbitration (Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine April 2023), "Emerging Topics in ADR: (Daily Journal September 2023), as well as "Obtaining Strategic Injunctions Against Infringers Of U.S. Patents," the chapter "Licensing and Regulation of Insurance Adjusters" in the Matthew-Bender treatise, California Insurance Law, as well as "Cross-Border Litigation Issues To Consider When Structuring International Transactions," (*Financier Worldwide*, December 2014).

He regularly makes presentations on many different international dispute issues around the world, including programs on international arbitration and international litigation strategies, recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and international arbitration awards, the Convention on the International Sale of Goods, structuring international transactions, avoiding cultural mishaps, family law across borders, and international trade legal considerations. He has been the Co-Chair of a number of international arbitration conferences since 2007.

Jeffery has been appointed by three different Mayors of the City of Los Angeles as a City Commissioner, and he has been approved each time by the Los Angeles City Council. He has served as President of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission is required by law to administer City and state laws relating to campaign financing, governmental ethics, lobbying, and contracts. He previously served on the Board of Airport Commissioners for the Los Angeles World Airports. The seven-member Board

is the governing body for the airports. LAX is currently the sixth busiest airport in the world and second busiest in the United States. Jeffery previously served as the Chairperson of the City of Los Angeles Rent Adjustment Commission, which is responsible for adopting policies, rules and regulations pertaining to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and is the Appeals Board for the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department. Jeffery has served as a City Commissioner since 2003. He was also appointed in December 2013 by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles to the City's Municipal Election Reform Commission.

Jeffery also holds and has held various leadership positions in other nonprofit organizations and political organizations, including Chair of the International Law Section of The State Bar of California and of the Los Angeles County Bar Association International Law Section. He also is the current Chair of the International Trade Committee of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association and Board Chair Emeritus of the Global Chamber Los Angeles Advisory Board. He serves as member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association; a member of Executive Committees of the Litigation Section and International Law and Immigration Section of the California Lawyers Association; Editorial Board of the Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine (2024-2025); and member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the California Lawyers Association (2015-).

Jeffery is one of the Best Lawyers in America® - for the field of International Arbitration – Commercial (2025-). He is also currently selected for inclusion in the practice of international law by Super Lawyers® (a division of Thompson Reuters) (2015-) and is rated "AV® Preeminent™" by Martindale-Hubbell. His law firm Daar & Newman is also ranked in the 2026 Chambers California Spotlight Guide for International Arbitration.

Practice Areas:

Civil Litigation, focusing on international arbitration and complex and cross-border disputes

State and Federal Appellate

Business transactions, including cross-border international matters

Insurance, including insurance insolvency

Products liability

Intellectual Property

First Amendment Litigation

Private Postsecondary schools and colleges

Education:

J.D., University of California, Davis, 1982

B.A., Claremont McKenna College, 1979

Admissions:

The State Bar of California (1982)

United States Court of Appeals (9th Circuit, 5th Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit)

Central, Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of the United States District

Court of California, Northern District of the United States District Court of

Illinois, District Court of Colorado

Presentations include:

- ♦ Avoiding Landmines in International Arbitration Clauses - Intermediate/Advanced (California Lawyers Association)
- ♦ Southern Africa as an Investment and Trading Destination – Legal Perspectives (Global Chamber)
- ♦ Remote Litigation Playbook: What Works (and What Fails) Across Borders (Sofia)
- ♦ Arbitration in the Shadow of Trade Wars and Sanctions (Japan International Arbitration Week)
- ♦ Nuts and Bolts of International Litigation (Los Angeles County Bar Association)
- ♦ Arbitration is Not Court: Master the Differences for Success (LACBA)
- ♦ Representation of foreign parties in litigation proceedings (Rio d ' Janeiro)
- ♦ Employment Status in a Globally Mobile Era: challenges and solutions (Rio d ' Janeiro)
- ♦ Nuts and Bolts of International Arbitration (Los Angeles County Bar Association)
- ♦ Where East Meets West: Arbitration Strategies for the Pacific Rim (USC/JAMS 9th International Arbitration Symposium)
- ♦ What You Should Know About Litigation And Arbitration Disputes Involving Foreign Parties (California Lawyers Association Annual Meeting)
- ♦ Strategic Use of International Arbitration for Global Business (Lucerne, Switzerland)

- ♦ Arbitrating Cases Involving A Cross-Cultural Or International Aspect Roundtable (American Arbitration Association)
- ♦ The Value of International Arbitration for Your Business (Global Chamber)
- ♦ Innovations and the Future of Dispute Resolution (Sydney, Australia)
- ♦ The Quest for Speedy Dispute Resolution in Japan and California Through International Arbitration (California International Arbitration Week)
- ♦ Emerging Topics in Alternative Dispute Resolution (California Lawyers Association)
- ♦ Foreign & International Legal Research 101 (California Lawyers Association)
- ♦ Cross-Border Litigation and Arbitration Developments and Strategies (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments and Arbitration Awards (Rossdale Group)
- ♦ California International Arbitration: Coming of Age (Daily Journal)
- ♦ Why Arbitrate International Disputes? (California Lawyers Association)
- ♦ Cross-Border Litigation and Arbitration Developments and Strategies (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Accelerating Change from our Blind Spots in International Dispute Resolution (California Lawyers Association)
- ♦ Nuts and Bolts of International Arbitration (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Strategies for Representing Defendants from Other Countries in Litigation (State Bar of California)
- ♦ What Does It Take to Settle a Case at Mediation? Strategies to Increase the Chances of Success and Satisfaction of the Client (California Lawyers Association)
- ♦ “Launchpad 2021 --- The Road Ahead for ADR: Perspectives from Prominent Voices” (American Arbitration Association Roundtable Brown Bag Series)
- ♦ Nuts and Bolts of International Dispute Resolution (California Lawyers Association)
- ♦ Dispute Resolution in International Transactions (Beverly Hills Bar Association; Valley International Trade Association)
- ♦ Ethics and the Globalization of California Legal Practice (State Bar of California)

- ♦ Legal Do's and Don'ts (LA Law Library – Export U)
- ♦ How to Obtain Discovery in the U.S. for Use in Non-U.S. Proceedings (Margaux, France)
- ♦ Strategies on Avoiding Disputes When Doing Business With Other Countries (Valley International Business Group)
- ♦ How to Reach a Party or Witness in Another Country (LA Law Library)
- ♦ Drafting Arbitration Clauses for Cross-Border Transactions (The Knowledge Group)
- ♦ The Nuts and Bolts of International Arbitration and Litigation (Clear Law Institute)
- ♦ Strategies On Avoiding Disputes When Doing Business In California and the U.S. (Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, Chengdu)
- ♦ Cross-Border Litigation Issues and Strategies (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Effective Advocacy in International Arbitration – Post-Award (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Avoiding Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders While Balancing the Social and Cultural Use of Alcohol in International Business (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Attorney-Client Privilege in Cross-Border Matters (Los Angeles County Bar)
- ♦ How to Avoid and Manage Disputes in International Transactions (Shanghai)
- ♦ Enforcing Foreign Judgments and Arbitration Awards (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Cross-Border Litigation: Recent Developments and Hot Topics (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Update on Attorney-Client Privilege Around the World and In-House Counsel including Strategies in Cross-Border Transactions and Disputes (Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association)
- ♦ Intellectual Property and Litigation Related Due Diligence Issues in Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions (Osaka Bar Association)
- ♦ International Arbitration in California: California-Specific Issues and Trends (State Bar of California)
- ♦ International Sales Contracts, Commercial Invoices, and Other Documents (LA Law Library Export Workshop)
- ♦ The Nuts and Bolts of International Arbitration and Litigation (State Bar of California)

- ♦ Avoiding Cross-Cultural Mishaps When Dealing With Foreign Clients (Los Angeles County Bar Association)
- ♦ California-Mexico Cross-Border Litigation and Arbitration (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Global Legal Research Strategies and Resources (State Bar of California)
- ♦ A Socially Safe Webinar: The Use of Social Media by Lawyers (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Doing Business in Los Angeles (Guadalajara, Mexico)
- ♦ Liability of Internet Service Providers (Cologne, Germany)
- ♦ Global World of IP Damages: Realities of Recoveries and Remedies for Infringement (American Bar Association))
- ♦ Enforceability of the \$18 Billion Ecuadorean Judgment Against Chevron and What We May All Learn from This Ongoing Battle (Istanbul, Turkey)
- ♦ Dispute Resolution in China – Related Business (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Anticipating Dispute Resolution Issues as Part of the Transaction (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Structuring International Transactions (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Important International Treaties that You Should Know (State Bar of California)
- ♦ How to Successfully Use and Obtain Translations (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Overview on How Foreign Judicial Systems Work (State Bar of California)
- ♦ Family Law Across Borders (Los Angeles County Bar)
- ♦ The Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) (Los Angeles County Bar)
- ♦ The Magna Carta's General Influence on the Rule of Law (LA Law Library)

Individual memberships include California Arbitration, Inc. (CalArb), The International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), California Lawyers Association (CLA), and Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA).