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# Gary W. Kearney, Esq.

## *Family Law Specialist*

Gary Kearney opened his first law office in the San Gabriel Valley in 1977 and was an active member of the Pasadena legal community for more than 46 years, most recently as a partner in the family law firm of Kearney|Baker. He has been a Certified Family Law Specialist since 1985. He specialized in complex family law issues and was counsel in more than 65 appeals and 17 writs, most notably *County of Los Angeles vs. Pattinson*, *Herbst vs. Swan*, *Laudeman vs. Laudeman*, *Asfaw vs. Wodlerhan*, and *Starr vs. Starr*.

Mr. Kearney has lectured on family law issues and is presently working on an article on the enforcement of foreign-country child support orders under California law.

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### Practice Areas

Mr. Kearney has devoted his legal career to the field of family law and family law appeals. He is well qualified to mediate all aspects of family law.

### Conflict Resolution Experience

Gary Kearney is unique because of his experience as a longtime family law practitioner, as well as his technical background, which allows him to resolve issues in a manner that is both creative and respectful to all parties. As a mediator, it is his firm conviction that each case must be considered and resolved in the light of the needs of the individuals, rather than sublimating the needs of the individuals to a set of arbitrary rules. Mr. Kearney has applied this approach throughout his career as both lawyer and mediator, to strive for and obtain a fair resolution in literally hundreds of cases.

### Organizations & Achievements

Mr. Kearney has been a member of the Pasadena and Los Angeles County Family Law Section throughout his practice. He was a Director of the California Association of Family Law Specialists 1992 to 2002 and its President in 1999. He was the Chairman of the Pasadena Bar Association's Family Law Section from 2000 until 2009. He has been a member of the American Bar Association throughout his practice. He has acted as Judge Pro Tempore and Special Master in various family law cases.

### Education & Training

- J.D. University of LaVerne School of Law 1976
- B.A. In Mechanical Engineering, California State University (SLO) 1971
- Professional Engineer in Training 1973
- Pepperdine University Mediating the Litigated Case 2023
- 47 years of attending continuing education courses
- California Army National Guard 1971-1976

*Mr. Kearney is available for Family Law matters throughout California.*