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Education
 Law School/Year:
 University of Notre Dame,
 1992

College/Year: University of
 Notre Dame, B.B.A., 1989

Bar Admissions
 California; U.S. District
 Court, Central, Eastern and
 Southern districts of
 California

Practice Areas
 Hotels, Resorts & Golf;
 Government Contracts;
 Renewable Energy;
 Commercial; Corporate
 Business; Real Estate

Major Cases
 Whitton handled the dis-

mantling and dissolution of a
 \$200 million petroleum coke
 terminal in the Port of Los
 Angeles, including more than
 four years of complex litigation
 and settlement negotiations
 with the City of Los
 Angeles, labor groups, the
 operating management com-
 pany, equipment lessors, sal-
 vage purchasers, the tax asses-
 sor, and environmental agen-
 cies, involving claims in excess
 of \$400 million.

He served as lead counsel in
 the acquisition of service sta-
 tion portfolios throughout the
 Western United States from a
 global petrochemical compa-
 ny, and the related debt and
 equity financing arrange-
 ments.

Whitton represented a lead-
 ing self storage owner and
 developer in acquiring signifi-
 cant holdings and operations
 throughout California, includ-
 ing the related joint venture
 and financing deals.

He played a significant role
 in the Diocese of San Diego
 bankruptcy, developing a
 novel strategy whereby the
 parishioners intervened in the
 bankruptcy claiming the
 churches and schools
 belonged to them and not the
 Diocese, ultimately leading to
 protection of the assets for the
 parishioners and pressuring
 settlement of the case.

Whitton also served as lead
 counsel for Arnold Palmer
 Golf Management in the
 development of a number of
 golf courses and country clubs
 in partnership with nationally
 recognized universities.

Professional Background

Partner, Troutman Sanders
 LLP, 1994-present (includes
 predecessor firms of Ross,
 Dixon & Bell, LLP and
 Miller, Boyko and Bell, LLP).
 Whitton advises and coun-
 sels public and private com-
 panies, real estate invest-
 ment trusts, and lending and
 financial institutions on a
 variety of sophisticated and
 complex real estate and busi-
 ness transactions throughout
 the country. His practice
 focuses on large-scale joint
 ventures, portfolio acquisi-
 tions, real estate develop-
 ment, and debt and equity
 financing and restructuring.
 A considerable portion of
 Whitton's practice involves
 the purchase, sale, joint ven-
 ture formation, and
 debt/equity financing for
 businesses with significant
 real estate assets, such as
 automobile dealerships; golf,
 resort and marina proper-

ties; automobile service sta-
 tions; self storage business-
 es; manufacturing and power
 plants; and port storage and
 ship loading facilities.

Whitton is considered one
 of the leading experts in
 transactions and other legal
 matters involving golf cours-
 es/country clubs, marinas,
 hotels and other resort prop-
 erties. He has received
 numerous accolades
 for his work, including
 being named one
 of ten "Best
 Attorneys



Whitton

in the Golf Industry" by Golf,
 Inc. (2011); achieving an AV
 Peer Review Rating from
 Martindale-Hubbell; and
 being selected as California
 Leading Lawyer in Real
 Estate by Chambers USA
 (2007, 2008, 2009).

Professional Affiliations

- Century Club of San
 Diego, Officer and Board
 Member;
- City of Solana Beach
 Budget & Finance Committee,
 Member;
- St. James Academy
 Advisory Board, Chair;
- LEAD San Diego
 Leadership TRUST, Member
 [Graduate of 2012 IMPACT
 and 2011 INFLUENCE
 Programs];
- National Law School
 Advisory Council, University
 of Notre Dame, Former Board
 Member;
- CleanTECH San Diego,
 Former Board Member;
- United Way of San Diego
 County, Former Campaign
 Cabinet Member;
- Boy Scouts of America,
 San Diego-Imperial Council,
 Former Vice Chair of the
 Champions of Scouting
 Committee.

Personal Background

Whitton grew up in a mili-
 tary family and moved to
 San Diego at the age of three.
 He was raised in Oceanside
 and attended University of
 San Diego High School. He
 returned to San Diego to
 start his career upon gradua-
 tion from Notre Dame.
 Whitton now lives in Solana
 Beach with his wife and
 three children. He is active
 in various civic and charita-
 ble organizations in support
 of the community he has
 called home for more than
 40 years.