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TOP RANKED LAWYERS

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YONATAN LEVORITZ

Yonatan (Yoni) Levoritz, is widely recognized as a champion for the rights of his clients and has an enviable record of winning challenging and complex cases.

Founder of The Levoritz Law Group, with two locations in New York, Yoni quickly acquired a reputation for success in and out of the courtroom. His law firm has legal experience in the family law, estate planning and matrimonial field. He is a strong father's rights advocate, having represented husbands and fathers in family law matters since law school, and seeks to protect their rights in a system that often appears to favor mothers in divorce and custody matters.

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DOUGLAS BORTHWICK ESQ.

Tenacious, dedicated and committed to getting the best possible result. Mr. Borthwick works strategically to resolve disputes and is not afraid to come up with creative strategies to get his clients what they need.

Attorney Douglas Borthwick blends a background in civil litigation with significant experience in insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, plaintiff personal injury, and family law. Before founding his own firm, his formative years were as an associate attorney at AV rated firms with ABOTA certified trial lawyers.

Mr. Borthwick is currently President and Owner of the Law Offices Douglas Borthwick. He is admitted to practice before all of the courts in the state of California and the United States Supreme Court. He has licensures on inactive status pending payment of dues and updating continuing education hours in the jurisdictions of Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Ohio, Arkansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, and District of Columbia. He has his main office in Santa Ana and is available to meet at offices in Riverside, Rancho Cucamonga, and Ontario.

Mr. Borthwick has the highest AV preeminent rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, the leading attorney directory.

Mr. Borthwick was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1965. He graduated with high honors (*Magna Cum Laude*) from Muskingum University in 1988 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business, Economics, and Religion. At Muskingum University, he was the recipient of the prestigious Wall Street Journal Award. He received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1991 from Capital University Law School where he was the recipient of an academic scholarship and was on the Dean's List.

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