

## EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION



ORANGE COUNTY  
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0182E1-1212-054(O) COUNTY CLERK RECORDER

Received: 1/11/13 11:19 AM  
For Official Use Only:  
QUAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
DNQ: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Experience  
 Training  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

POSITION TITLE:  
COUNTY CLERK RECORDER

EXAM ID#:  
0182E1-1212-054(O)

NAME: (Last, First, Middle)  
Ackerman, Richard C

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:  
N/A

ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

HOME PHONE:

ALTERNATE PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DRIVER'S LICENSE:  
 Yes  No

DRIVER'S LICENSE:  
State: CA Number:

LEGAL RIGHT TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES?  
 Yes  No

## PREFERENCES

PREFERRED SALARY:  
\$139,526.40 per year

ARE YOU WILLING TO RELOCATE?  
 Yes  No  Maybe

WHAT TYPE OF JOB ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Regular

TYPES OF WORK YOU WILL ACCEPT:

Full Time

SHIFTS YOU WILL ACCEPT:

Day

OBJECTIVE:  
Clerk-Recorder

## EDUCATION

Nothing Entered For This Section

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Nothing Entered For This Section

## CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES

Nothing Entered For This Section

## Skills

Nothing Entered For This Section

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nothing Entered For This Section

## REFERENCES

Nothing Entered For This Section

Agency-Wide Questions

1. **What is your desired work location?**  
Central/Civic Center
2. **Are you a current or former County of Orange employee?**  
No
3. **What is/was your Job Title?**
4. **Please provide your employment dates with the County of Orange.**
5. **What Agency/Department do/did you work for?**
6. **If you selected Other in question 5, please specify in the text box below.**
7. **If formerly employed with the County of Orange, what name were you employed under?**
8. **How did you hear about this position?**  
Newspaper/Magazine
9. **May we contact your current employer?**  
yes

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The following terms were accepted by the applicant upon submitting the online application:

Certificate of Applicant - By clicking ACCEPT, I certify that all statements made in this application and the attachments are true and I agree and understand that misstatements or omissions of any material fact may be cause for further investigation and may lead to disqualification or dismissal. I also grant permission for the County to verify any and all information contained within by contacting former employers and schools, etc.

This application was submitted by Richard C Ackerman on 1/11/13 11:19 AM

## Richard C. Ackerman

January 7, 2013

Orange County Board of Supervisors  
333 W. Santa Ana Boulevard  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Clerk Recorder Appointment

Dear Mr. Chairman and Board Members:

I am seeking your consideration for appointment to the recently vacated position of Orange County Clerk-Recorder, an office for which, I believe, I am uniquely qualified. I have been a resident of Orange County for 42 years and an active member of the State Bar of California for more than 44 years. I operated a business for many years, a law practice with frequent interaction with the Clerk-Recorder's office. In our practice I dealt with the recording of various documents including deeds, trust deeds, powers of attorney and also fictitious business name statements, birth and death certificates and notary filings.

I have served my community as an elected official for 25 years, 12 years as a member of the Fullerton city Council, five years as a State Assemblyman and eight years in the State Senate. During my final term in the Senate, I served as the Senate Minority Leader.

I believe the Clerk-Recorder's office should be led by someone who is familiar with the business aspects of the office and the importance of continually improving customer service and technology. As someone who interacted with the Clerk-Recorder's office for years as a customer and user, I bring that valuable perspective to the office. The next Clerk-Recorder should be someone who can effectively manage the staff while carrying out the duties of the office. That person should also have the necessary political background, contact and experience to maintain and improve the operations of the office and also help the County in serving it's broader needs.

I have attached my resume, which provides more details of my experience.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you need to contact me, please do not hesitate to do so.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Ackerman  
Attorney at Law  
State Senator (Ret.)

## Resume

### Richard C. Ackerman

#### Legal

I received my Juris Doctor in Law from Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco in 1967 and have been an active member of the State Bar since that time. My private practice was mainly conducted in the City of Fullerton with Miller, MacDonald, Bush & Ackerman and Ackerman, Mordock & Bowen, where I served as the Managing Partner.

My practice in both of these firms was mainly transactional, which included real property and business transactions. During that time, which was approximately 1970-1995, my practice caused me to have numerous contacts with the Clerk-Recorder's Office in Orange County and other counties, which included real estate and other business filings. Specifically, I dealt with the recording of various documents including deeds, trust deeds, powers of attorney and also fictitious business name statements, birth and death certificates and notary filings.

From approximately 2000-2004, I was Of Counsel with Rutan & Tucker, providing general advice regarding clients with dealings at various levels of government.

From 2009-2012 I was a partner with Nossaman LLP, and have similarly aided private and public sector clients in resolving various issues with local, regional, state and federal agencies.

#### Political

From 1980 to 1992 I served on the Fullerton City Council, including two terms as Mayor. I also served on the County's Waste Management Commission and a regional Toxic Waste Commission, and was active in the then Orange County League of Cities.

I was elected to the California State Assembly in 1995 and was re-elected in 1996 and 1998. My Assembly tenure included service on the Budget, Judiciary, Natural Resources, Education, Local Government, Ethics and other legislative committees.

In 2000 I was elected to the California State Senate and re-elected to a second and final term in 2004. During that time, the committees I served on included Budget (Vice-Chair), Judiciary (Vice-Chair) and Ethics. I served as the Republican Leader in the State Senate from 2004-2008. In that capacity I engaged and negotiated with the Governor, the Democratic Leaders in the Senate and Assembly and my Assembly Republican counterparts on various matters, including major bond proposals, budget negotiations,

and other issues. I also served for approximately two years on the Law Revision Commission.

During my time in the State Legislature I had the opportunity to work with the California League of Cities and California State Association of Counties (CSAC) during the negotiation of various voter approved initiatives, such as protecting local government from state raids on their revenue streams and other measures to guarantee and protect local government revenue. I was also active in trying to protect local government from unfunded mandates, both at the state and federal levels, which seriously impact the ability of local government to deliver services and to maintain fiscal stability.

I participated in the negotiations for bringing to the ballot Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal for \$60 Billion in bonds, which provided local governments with additional means for funding improvements in transportation, housing and other needs.

As a legislator I had the opportunity to work with, interact and learn from government officials and agencies at every level, local, regional, state and federal, on a wide spectrum of issues. My experience and contacts would be extremely useful to the Clerk-Recorder's Office and to the County Of Orange, in general, to assist in resolving issues involving negotiations and/or cooperation with sister counties, agencies and departments.

### **Community Involvement**

Association of California Cities/Orange County – Member

University of California Irvine Foundation – Board Member

California State University of Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation – Board Member

Urban Water Institute – Board Member

Delegate/Attendee to Republican Presidential Convention 2012, 2008 and 2004

Part-time Professor, University of California at Berkeley - 2009 - Present

Fullerton South Rotary Club – Member

Orange County Business Council – Past Board Member

St. Thomas More Church – Irvine - Member

My community involvement has been diverse and broad-based and has helped keep me involved in various Orange County and state issues. It is important to stay in touch with members of the public in order to retain their confidence and a strong communication level.

### Vision

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office has been a recognized leader pioneering and implementing innovations and upgrading procedures in order to improve internal efficiency and the public's interaction with the Office. Public agencies with similar responsibilities look to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder for leadership in this area. I am aware that they have arrangements with other major counties to share software and technology and I intend for the Clerk-Recorder's office to remain on the cutting edge. I would strive to maintain Orange County's role in this regard and to maximize the talent and ideas we have, both inside and outside of the Office, to improve service to Orange County citizens.

Continual advances in technology provide ongoing opportunities for the Clerk-Recorder to lower costs while improving efficiency and customer service, and I believe actively searching for such opportunities should be a critical leadership priority of the Clerk-Recorder. I am aware that the Office has a very high success rate regarding their transactions and dealing with citizens, and I would make every effort to maintain and improve that satisfaction level.

### References

Scott Baugh, Chairman of the Orange County Republican Party  
Dr. Michael Drake, Chancellor, University of California at Irvine  
Dr. Milton Gordon, Past President, California State University at Fullerton  
Jim Brulte, Former Senate Republican Leader in the State Senate  
Bill Campbell, Past Orange County Supervisor and State Assemblyman  
Senator Darrell Steinberg, President Pro Tempore  
Bob Hertzberg, Former Speaker of the California Assembly  
Senator Bob Huff, Senate Republican Leader in the State Senate  
Assemblywoman Connie Conway, Assembly Republican Leader in the State Assembly