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BIOGRAPHY

Stuart has been Liner LLP's Managing Partner since its formation in 1996. Since that time, the firm has expanded into one of the city's most prominent boutique law firms. In 2016, the *Los Angeles Business Journal* named Stuart one of the "Top Facilitators" in the "500 Most Influential People in Los Angeles" based on his reputation as a lawyer and "fixer of problems" for celebrities, business managers, lawyers, agents, and studio heads in the entertainment industry, in state and local politics, and a number of real estate owners and developers. He is known for his ability to act as a consigliere for his clients in litigation, in particular when complicated issues, transactions, and crises are involved, often finding successful solutions while remaining behind the scenes.

Stuart is often brought in to settle difficult cases, and has achieved several eight-figure settlements in contingent fee cases, including a case against a major insurance company for targeting a product towards low-income residents in several different states; a class action against a large drug wholesaler brought by participants in a profit sharing and savings plan that bought the company's stock; and a high-profile case against the State of California based on a failed \$2.3 billion buildings sale.

Stuart and the firm have also successfully launched a number of business ventures with clients in the areas of entertainment and media, real estate, and other core investments that have evolved the firm from a traditional hourly practice into a partner that shares risk and thereby more closely aligns the firm with its clients' interests. In 2007, the firm provided legal services and invested in the expansion of Summit Entertainment, which was transitioning from being a film distribution company into a film studio. Ultimately, another client of the firm acquired Summit Entertainment in 2012 for \$412.5 million. In another transaction, the firm invested with client Colony Capital in the acquisition out of bankruptcy of LodgeNet (now known as Sonifi)—the premier provider of interactive media and consulting services in the hospitality and healthcare industries. In addition, Stuart and the firm have

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developed and sold hundreds of millions of dollars worth of luxury residential, student housing and commercial real estate projects, and the firm recently partnered with a client in the acquisition of a portfolio of parking companies that has annual revenues of \$600 million.

Beyond leading the firm and guiding clients, Stuart actively participates in civic leadership and public interest organizations, particularly in the area of education. In addition to serving on the board of the South Central Scholars Program, an organization that helps thousands of motivated and gifted kids from South Central Los Angeles achieve their college goals, he also created the firm's foundation that serves as a platform to provide funding, mentoring, and employment for 40 bright students every year, helping them achieve their dream of attending college. Additionally, he guided his three sons in forming a charitable organization that has assisted various orphanages in Laos, including raising all funds necessary to build a dormitory for 200 orphans.

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (J.D.)

San Diego State University (B.A., cum laude)

NEWS

- August 1, 2017: Jerry Neuman and Stuart Liner Named to the LABJ's "The Los Angeles 500"
Los Angeles Business Journal
- July 20, 2017: Los Angeles-based Liner LLP to merge with DLA Piper
Press Release
- May 30, 2017: Larry Stein and Stuart Liner among the 2017 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America
Lawdragon
- September 2, 2016: Jerry Neuman and Stuart Liner Named to the LABJ's "The Los Angeles 500"
Los Angeles Business Journal
- March 31, 2016: Stuart Liner featured in this year's Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America
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- February 23, 2016: Over 35 Liner Scholars join South Central Scholars at Appreciation Reception
- February 25, 2015: Lawyer Limelight: Stuart Liner
Law Dragon
- February 24, 2015: State Settles Suit Over Aborted Sale of Court Buildings
The Recorder
- March 28, 2013: Colony Syndicate Closes LodgeNet Recapitalization
- January 2, 2013: LodgeNet To Enter Ch. 11 With \$60M Recapitalization Deal
Law360
- February 2, 2012: Alec Gores Buys Showbiz Law Firm's Beverly Hills Building for \$24 Million
The Hollywood Reporter
- January 13, 2012: Lionsgate Acquires Summit Entertainment for \$412.5 Million
- November 23, 2011: Showbiz Law Firm Buys, Revamps Michael Ovitz Building
The Hollywood Reporter
- March 11, 2011: O.C.-led buyers sue Calif. over killed deal
The Orange County Register
- March 11, 2011: Investors Say Calif. Breached Property Sale Deal
Law360
- October 21, 2009: Rainmaking: Can Flat Fees Make Law Firms Soar Again?
Supplement to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal
- July 13, 2009: For Young and Motivated, Big Benefits in a Mid-Sized Firm
Los Angeles Daily Journal
- May 1, 2009: Making Rain in a Drought: What it Takes for Small Firms to Thrive in Tough Times
California Lawyer
- June 16, 2008: Stuart Liner Named Among Top 100 Managing Partners in the Nation By LawDragon Inc.
Liner Press Release
- April 23, 2007: 16th Annual Teddy Bear Golf Classic - Honoring Stuart & Stephanie Liner
- March 20, 2006: Firm Decides to Spend on Students Instead of Clients

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Los Angeles Business Journal

- January 12, 2006: Control Tower
The Recorder
 - December 27, 2004: Liner Lawyers Fund Scholarships for Foster Children
Los Angeles Daily Journal
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RECOGNITION

- *Lawdragon*, 500 Leading Lawyers in America Guide (2006, 2007 and 2016)
 - *Los Angeles Business Journal*, the "Los Angeles 500" (2016)
 - Loyola Law School, Distinguished Alumni Award (2015)
 - Loyola Law School, 50 Inspirational Alumni (2014)
 - Century City Bar Association, Litigator of the Year (2008)
 - *Southern California Super Lawyers* (2004-2017)
 - *Southern California Super Lawyers* - Top 100 (2006-2016)
 - *Southern California Super Lawyers* - Top 10 (2007 and 2008)
 - Loyola Law School, Governors Recognition Award (2005)
 - The Help Group, Help for Children Humanitarian Award (2007)
 - *Lawdragon*, "Top 100 Managing Partners to Know" (2008)
 - *Daily Journal*, "Leading California Rainmaker" (2009)
 - *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Who's Who in Law, (2007)
 - *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, Rainmakers List (2001-2003, 2006)
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COMMUNITY

- Board Member, South Central Gifted Scholars Fund
- Board of Directors, Loyola Law School