

David Connelly is a Vice President and shareholder of Freeman & Mills, a consulting firm offering services in the areas of accounting, finance, economics and business practices and procedures. Mr. Connelly is a Certified Public Accountant and attorney with more than 35 years of collective financial investigation, audit, and legal experience. For the past 27 years, he has specialized in complex forensic accounting investigations, damages analysis, and expert testimony. His combined accounting and legal expertise provides him with a unique perspective of financial litigation issues.

Mr. Connelly has extensive experience serving as a testifying expert in federal and state court, and as an internal financial litigation consultant for law firms on various financial litigation issues involving discovery, data analysis, substantiation and/or rebuttal of financial assertions, and damages analysis. He has also served as a court appointed accounting referee/neutral.

Mr. Connelly's litigation engagements have covered a wide variety of areas, including breach of contract and fiduciary duty, fraud, misappropriation, corporate and partnership disputes, contract accounting matters, intellectual property, lost profits damages, post-acquisition and earn-out disputes, construction and real estate, media and entertainment, profit participations and royalties, business interruption and insurance recovery, financial audit issues, bankruptcy and insolvency, trusts and estates, professional malpractice, false advertising, antitrust, international trade, taxation, due diligence, family law and white collar criminal matters. His financial forensic investigations have included global investigations and whistleblower investigations. In addition to litigation assignments, Mr. Connelly has continued to perform audit type services in connection with financial inspections, and film and television profit participation and royalty engagements.

Prior to joining Freeman Mills, Mr. Connelly served as a managing director at Berkeley Research Group LLC, a global litigation consulting firm; the lead partner of litigation services for SingerLewak LLP, a regional CPA firm; the founder and president of Connelly & Associates, a financial litigation consulting firm; a director of Capital Accounting, a financial litigation consulting affiliate of the international law firm of Howrey LLP; and the managing director of RJ Miranda & Company, a regional CPA firm where he directed the independent financial audits of the City of Los Angeles. Prior to these positions, Mr. Connelly served as an attorney with a civil litigation law firm, and an audit manager with a CPA firm.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 – present	Vice President & Shareholder, Freeman & Mills
2014 – 2015	Managing Director, Berkeley Research Group LLC
2007 – 2014	Lead Partner, Litigation Services, SingerLewak LLP
2001 – 2007	Founder & President, Connelly & Associates
1995 – 2001	Director, Capital Accounting, a consulting affiliate of Howrey LLP
1992 – 1995	Managing Director, R.J. Miranda & Company
1990 – 1992	Associate Attorney, LaTorraca & Goettsch
1982 – 1989	Audit Manager, Connelly, Heinsoo & Kuhns

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- American Bar Association
- California Society of Certified Public Accountants
 - Forensic Services – Fraud & Economic Damages Sections
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association
- Woodland Hills Tax & Estate Planning Council
- The Esquire Network (TEN), Moderator

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

David Connelly holds a Juris Doctor (*cum laude*) from the Willamette University College of Law, and a B.S. in business administration (accounting) from the University of Oregon.

Mr. Connelly is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in California since 1993 (initially licensed in Oregon in 1984), and a licensed attorney in California since 1990.

PRESENTATIONS

“International Telecom Litigation: ‘Needle in Haystack’ Slays Goliath” – American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ National Forensic Valuation Services Conference, Las Vegas (November 2017).

“Accounting for Lawyers” – Woodland Hills Tax & Estate Planning Council (December 2019); San Fernando Valley Bar Association (August 2019); The Esquire Network (TEN) (February 2017); Cal State University Northridge Alumni Attorneys Chapter (June 2016); Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel (April 2016); Culver Marina Bar Association (March 2016).

“Forensic Accounting” – The Esquire Network (TEN), Los Angeles (February 2016); TEN Executives, Encino (April 2015).

“Financial Fraud Prevention & Investigations” – Ervin Cohen & Jessup (August 2010); Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, Los Angeles (July 2009).

“Trade Secrets & Other Damages Issues” – Steptoe & Johnson, Los Angeles (September 2009).

“Best Practices For Employee Behavior Management: Fraud & Prevention of Financial Malfeasance” – SingerLewak ERMS Panel Presentation, Los Angeles (December 2008).

“Fraud Investigations – Issues, Techniques & SAS 82”- Association of Government Accountants, Los Angeles Chapter (October 1999) & Orange County Chapter (May 1998); Los Angeles Municipal Accountants & Auditors Association (September 1997).

PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

“Audit Malpractice Considerations” – Annual Education Conference of the Association of Government Accountants, Los Angeles Chapter (February 1996).

“Internal Control Structure at the City of Los Angeles” – Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association & accounting finance personnel of the City of Los Angeles (August 1992).

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