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## **Biography**

Professor Salerno is a Clinical Professor of Law, Director of the UC Hastings Legislation Clinic. He attended UC Santa Barbara, B.A., Psychology and Sociology (1972); and UC Davis, J.D. (1979). Prior to law school, he was a consultant to the California State Senate, and in that capacity was a principal drafter of the Uniform Determinate Sentencing Act of 1976. While in law school, he served on the University of California Board of Regents. After graduating law school, he worked for the California Legislative Counsel.

Professor Salerno was an Adjunct and Visiting Professor at the University of California, Davis School of Law (1993 to 1996). He was a Fulbright Scholar in Italy (Rome) during the 1995 fall semester and continues to make annual trips to Italy lecturing about US law. He was a Visiting Professor at the University of San Diego School of Law (Summer 2007) and the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, México D.F. (Summer 2006). From March 2007 to July 2008 he was the Executive Director of the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

Professor Salerno has published articles concerning the legislative process, regulating the financial interests of public officials (conflicts of interest), influencing legislation, and amending constitutions in the United States. He is the coauthor of *Legal, Legislative, and Rule Drafting in Plain English* (with R. Martineau, Thompson/West 2005) and *The California Constitution: A Reference Guide*, (with J. Grodin and D. Shanske, Oxford University Press, to be published fall 2015).

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## **Expertise**

Education/Learning, Legal Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

The Legislative Process, Statutory Interpretation and Bill Drafting, Issues in State and Local Governance, Legislative Process and Procedure, Budget Processes, Bill Drafting, Political Law, Election Law, Political Reform, Political Regulation, Campaign Finance, Structure and Theory of Federal and State Government

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## **Affiliations**

UC Davis School of Law, TWC Memorial Fund : Chair, State Bar of California : Member, Admitted to Practice in the US District Court, Eastern District, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal

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## **Event Appearances**

**Teaching Legislative Drafting: Experiences and Perspectives**

Center for Parliamentary Studies, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS)

**Citizens United Panel (Moderator)**

Institutional Investor Educational Foundation

**Citizens United and its Impact**

Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Centro di studi sul Parlamento, Istituto Ceradi

**The USA Corporation as a Person: The Citizens United US Supreme Court Decision**

Università degli Studi di Urbino, Facoltà di Giurisprudenza/Facoltà di Scienze Politiche

**The Law of Modern Direct Democracy**

Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy

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**Education**

**UC Davis School of Law**

J.D. Law

**UC Davis**

Graduate Studies Law and Society

**UC Santa Barbara**

B.A. Psychology and Sociology

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