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## CURRENT POSITION AND BACKGROUND

Mr. Abascal is a partner at Latham and Watkins, with a focus on government investigations, internal investigations, and complex business litigation. These matters involve several industries, including healthcare, financial institutions, financial services, investment advisors, accounting, construction, food and agriculture, e-commerce, and technology. Before joining Latham and Watkins, Mr. Abascal was an Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles, where he worked in the Major Frauds section prosecuting business fraud cases. He graduated from Claremont McKenna College magna cum laude where he was Student Body President and from Yale Law School where he was Chair of Articles Committee, Yale Law Journal. Mr. Abascal was born near downtown Los Angeles.

## HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE

A substantial portion of Mr. Abascal's practice is focused on healthcare matters. He has successfully represented many nonprofit hospital systems and free-standing hospital in complex litigation and compliance matters. He has very often settled these matters without charges or lawsuits being filed or with dismissals.

## NONPROFIT AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Mr. Abascal serves or has served on the following nonprofit Boards and organizations:

- Board of Directors of Public Counsel, the largest pro bono public interest law firm in the world, providing free legal services to needy people in Los Angeles.
- Board of Directors of Five Acres, a family services agency that provides residential treatment, group home care, education and other services to child abuse victims and needy families.
- Board of Directors of the Mexican American Bar Foundation, which provides scholarships to needy law students.
- Founded Buildable Hours of Los Angeles, which solicits volunteers and donations from Los Angeles law firms for Habitat for Humanity Los Angeles.
- Assisted in creating Food from the Bar Los Angeles, which raises money and food from Los Angeles law firms in support of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.
- Formerly, Board of Directors of the Vila Malaga Housing Corporation, which affiliated with Ability First to build and operate low income housing for families with disabled children.
- Formerly, Board of Directors of Fulfillment Fund, which provides mentoring and college scholarships to promising and underprivileged students in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Mr. Abascal has also provided hundreds of hours of free legal work in support of various causes, including assisting victims of domestic violence, international human rights offenses, and economic fraud.

Source: Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office