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Leonard Unger was born in Germany, February 20, 1947, the son of Henry and Rose Unger, Holocaust Survivors. He attended public schools in Los Angeles and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with honors from UCLA in 1967 being selected to various scholastic honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa.

He attended law school at the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) and received a Juris Doctor degree 1970. He was admitted to the California and New York Bars in 1971. Upon graduation from law school, he became associated with the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. In 1973 he became associated with the law firm of Kaplan, Livingston, Goodwin, Berkowitz & Selvin in Beverly Hills. In 1974 he joined the Beverly Hills law firm of Levine & Unger (then known as Levine & Krom), where he became a named partner. Over the last thirty-nine years he has practiced law with that firm.

Mr. Unger's practice has been in the estates, trusts and litigation areas of the law and he has represented companies such as Citicorp Card Acceptance Services, Citicorp Diner's Club, Inc. and City National Bank as well as numerous individuals, corporations and partnerships involved in the commercial, real estate and business areas. He has been retained by real estate, talent agency, and manufacturing clients to negotiate structure, strategize and implement business initiatives as well as to resolve business disputes.

Mr. Unger is a life member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Region of the Arthritis Foundation where he was a Past Chair, and has served on the Board of several other nonprofit foundations. Mr. Unger served on the National Board of Trustees of the Arthritis Foundation for four years, as a Vice-Chair and as a Chair of its Public Policy and Advocacy Committee. In 2000, he received Southern California Chapter's highest award, the Jane Wyman Humanitarian Award. He served on the Board of Directors of the Boalt Hall Alumni Association for six years and as its President during 1996-97. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the U.C. Berkeley Foundation from 1996-97 as well as on its investment committee. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee, Los Angeles Chapter, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Mr. Unger serves as Trustee or Co-Trustee of various trusts and has been an investor in several start-up companies for his own account. During his career he has acted as a Judge Pro Tem, been a member of the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Bar Associations, participated in various bar sections within his fields of interest, was a member of the 1984 Rules Committee of the Democratic Party and of various community civic and cultural organizations, including the Los Angeles Music Center Leadership Council, where he serves as a Vice President on its Board, and is a member of the Order of the Golden Bruin. In 1998 he received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the Bar Association of the City of New York for his pro bono death penalty work. Currently, he is in his tenth year of service as a Trustee of the Board of Investments of the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association.

Mr. Unger lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Catherine Lavine Unger, a consultant and community and political activist. They have two children, Daniel Unger who is married to Susan Hirschberg Unger, and Laura Dudley who is married to Randy Dudley, and five grandchildren; all of whom live in Los Angeles.