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Morgan Chu is a partner with Irell & Manella LLP and chair of the firm's Litigation group. Throughout his monumental career, he has been lead trial counsel in some of the world's largest—and in some cases precedent-setting—verdicts, judgments and settlements, resulting in more than \$9 billion in actual payments for clients. Chambers USA has described Morgan as “beyond doubt the most gifted trial lawyer in the USA” who “delivers staggering results for clients.” He regularly wins industry accolades and is consistently named one of the “Top Ten Trial Lawyers” and “100 Most Influential Lawyers” in the U.S.

Morgan's commitment to his community rivals his track record for clients. He is the former president and chair of the Harvard University Board of Overseers, a governing board of the university. He serves as chair of both the City of Hope National Medical Center Board of Directors and the City of Hope Medical Foundation Board of Directors. Additionally, Morgan is the longest serving board member of Public Counsel. He is also a Member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Morgan and his wife, Helen, have endowed chairs for the dean of Harvard Law School, the CEO of City of Hope, the dean of its Graduate School for Biological Sciences, the director of the Beckman Research Institute, and the chair for the CEO of Public Counsel. The Chus have also been longtime supporters of UCLA's ethnic studies center and have recently pledged \$10 million to the UCLA Institute of American Cultures, the largest gift ever made to the institute.



FRANK MOTTEK

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

There is one, undisputed Voice of Business News in Southern California – Frank Mottek.

Frank is an award-winning broadcast journalist with more than 30 years of experience, now hosting Mottek On Money weeknights live on the air at 6pm on 790 KABC in Los Angeles, and worldwide on demand on the Mottek On Money podcast. Mottek On Money received the 2020 Golden Mike Award from the Radio and Television News Association of Southern California for Best Business and Consumer Reporting. Frank joined CBS in Los Angeles in 1992 when he served as news reporter and anchor on KNX, host of the

KNX Business Hour during the 2008 financial crisis, Mottek On Money during the 2020 pandemic, morning drive Senior Money Anchor, anchor on KCAL9-TV and spot reporter for KCBS-TV CBS2. For ten years, he also worked as reporter and business news anchor on the KTLA Channel 5 News @ 10 and the KTLA Morning News. He joined 790 KABC in 2021.

Frank began his broadcast news career at the age of 16 at a top-rated FM station in Miami. He then joined the all-news CBS station Miami in 1981 where he was morning news anchor, reporter, and news/talk host for 11 years. During that time, he provided the live descriptions of all space shuttle launches for the CBS Radio Network from 1985 through 1991 and he was an eyewitness to the 1986 Challenger disaster at the Kennedy Space Center. Beyond his professional achievements, Frank's early years were marked by a strong foundation in community and personal development as a Cub Scout, Webelo, and Boy Scout. His experiences in Scouting instilled in him values of leadership, responsibility, and service that continue to guide him today.



STEVE ROTHANS

PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Rothans Mr. Rothans started his Scouting journey in 1965 as a Cub Scout in Hawthorne, California, and worked his way through the program earning the rank of Eagle Scout with 2 Palms. Steve served as Order of the Arrow Chapter Chief and Council Lodge Chief in the 1970's. He was presented the Silver Beaver Award for volunteer service to Scouting in 1988, and joined the LA Board of Directors in approximately 1990. He received the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award in 2017 for his continued work and support of Scouting. Steve has served as a member of the Executive Board of our local Council for more than 30 years.

Steve is the managing partner at the law firm of Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont LLP, specializing in the defense of public entities, primarily representing law enforcement officers in civil litigation for more than 40 years. He graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 1979 and received his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School in 1982. In October 2004, Steve was elected by his colleagues to be a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an organization dedicated to its support of our civil jury trial system. Steve has extensive civil jury trial experience in federal and state courts throughout Southern California. Being well prepared, hard work and aggressive lawyering by Mr. Rothans has resulted in favorable verdicts in more than 40 jury trials in Southern California. Steve currently serves as the Board Chair and Council President of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council for the Scouts.



BOB KURKJIAN

CEO/SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Bob Kurkjian is the Chief Executive Officer and Scout Executive for Greater Los Angeles Scouting, one of the largest Scout councils in the country, and the premier Scouting organization in the Southwest United States. A firm believer in the power of Scouting, Bob is committed to creating an unequaled experiential leadership development and outdoor program for the youth of Greater LA. He previously spent 11 years in senior executive roles at the United Service Organizations (USO) where he most recently served as President of USO West, leading all operations and fund development across nine western states. In the past, Bob has worked for the Mayor of Los Angeles, the PricewaterhouseCoopers Non-Profit practice, CRDF Global Foundation, Conservation International and the National Governors Association.

A captain in the Navy Reserve, Bob currently commands a battalion of 340 expeditionary logisticians whose mission it is to re-arm, refuel and resupply forward deployed military units operating in contested environments. He has served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Bahrain, and has commanded a Pacific Fleet Reserve Operational Logistics unit and the reserve Pearl Harbor Fleet Logistics Center unit.

A two-time graduate of the University of Southern California, Bob also graduated, with distinction, from the masters program at the United States Navy War College. In addition, he spent a summer at Sichuan Union University in Chengdu, China. A licensed (but inactive) CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia and an avid traveler, Bob has spent at least one night in 74 countries and counting.

He is an Eagle Scout. Along with being the Greater LA Scouting CEO, Bob was recently a Cub Scout Leader for his son's WEBLOS den, where he quickly discovered that wrangling eight fifth-graders shares many similarities with logistics operations in war zones.



OMAR GARCIA **EXPLORER, POST 87**

Omar Garcia, a Los Angeles native, is an aspiring firefighter and paramedic with a strong commitment to serving his community. Currently an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at a Level 1 Emergency Room and Trauma Center, he has gained valuable experience working in high-pressure environments, providing critical care to those in need.

His passion for public service is further exemplified by his involvement in the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Cadet Program at Fire Station 87 for the last several years, where he has developed a strong foundation in firefighting and emergency response. Now in the hiring process for the LAFD, Omar is eager to bring his dedication, experience, and compassion to the forefront in protecting and serving the Angeleno community.



ANTHONY ZELAYA **EAGLE SCOUT, TROOP 121**

Anthony Zelaya, is a southern California native from Echo Park, who joined Scouting at the age of 8. He graduated from ESAT High School in Glassell Park and is currently a second-year Communications and Multimedia Journalism major at Cal Poly Pomona. A dedicated Scout, he participated in numerous summer camps, including Philmont Scout Ranch and Camp Cherry Valley, where he was on the Camp Staff in 2021. Despite taking a break from Scouting in high school, he completed his lending library Eagle Scout project and became an Eagle Scout in November 2023 with encouragement from his Scoutmasters Ruben Hueso and Dennis Gonzalez.

Passionate about sports journalism, Anthony aims to work for major outlets like ESPN or Bleacher Report, driven by a commitment to storytelling and community.

Scouts are more likely to have positive character attributes such as kindness, trustworthiness, and helpfulness.

Eagle Scouts are 76% more likely to be leaders in their communities.

Scouts are twice as likely to earn a college degree.