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Mr. Hodgman received his undergraduate degree from UCLA in 1975 and his law degree from Hastings College of Law in 1978. He joined the District Attorney's Office in November 1978. While serving in different trial and special prosecution units, Mr. Hodgman tried to jury over 140 felony cases, including more than 40 murder cases. In 1991, he was the lead trial lawyer in the securities fraud prosecution of Charles H. Keating, Jr. After securing convictions in that case, he was selected as the 1992 Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year by the California District Attorneys Association and the Los Angeles County Association of Deputy District Attorneys (ADDA). In 1993, Mr. Hodgman was one of the lead prosecutors involved in the investigation of Michael Jackson regarding child molestation allegations. In 1994 and 1995, he was one of the lead prosecutors in the double-murder prosecution of O.J. Simpson. In 1996 and early 1997, Mr. Hodgman successfully prosecuted and secured a nine year prison sentence against Marion "Suge" Knight, the founder of Death Row Records. In October 2000, Mr. Hodgman was inducted in the American College of Trial Lawyers in Washington, D.C.

From January 2001 to April 2002, Mr. Hodgman was the Head Deputy for the Ad Hoc Rampart Division which was charged with the responsibility of investigating and prosecuting cases arising from the Los Angeles Police Department Rampart Division police misconduct scandal. From April 2002 to March 2005, Mr. Hodgman was Head Deputy of the Sex Crimes Division. In that assignment, Mr. Hodgman coordinated the investigation and prosecution efforts regarding the Catholic clergy sexual abuse of children scandal. From March 2005 to December 2012, Mr. Hodgman was Head Deputy for the Target Crimes Division and supervised the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section (CAPOS), the Arson Section, the Stalking and Threat Assessment Team (STAT), the Child Abduction Section, and the Psychiatric Section. CAPOS is the special prosecution unit dedicated to prosecuting violent offenders who kill or attempt to kill law enforcement officers engaged in the performance of their duties.

From December 2012 to January 2019, Mr. Hodgman served as the Assistant District Attorney overseeing the office's line operations. Previously, he served as the Director for Central Operations and the Director for Special Operations. Mr. Hodgman received the Career Prosecutor Award from the ADDA in 2014, the Prosecutor of the Year Award from the Loyola Law School Fidler Institute of Criminal Justice in 2017, and the Career Achievement award from the Los Angeles County Bar Association Criminal Law Section in 2019.

ADDENDUM TO BIOGRAPHY WILLIAM HODGMAN

1978 – 1981

I was assigned to the Compton Branch Office of the District Attorney's Office. I prosecuted 33 felony jury trials, including gang homicide, gang rape, gang assault, drug lab, child endangerment, and robbery cases.

1981 – 1982

I was in private practice as an associate with the Los Angeles law firm of Lillick, McHose, and Charles. I specialized in products liability and defense of longshoreman personal injury cases.

1982 – 1989

I returned to the District Attorney's Office in late 1982. I was assigned to the Long Beach Branch Office. I prosecuted approximately 100 felony jury trials, including 35 murder cases and six death penalty cases. From 1983 to 1989, I was assigned to the Career Criminal Unit which targeted serious recidivist offenders. Also, I prosecuted *People v. Douglas Reinertson, et al.*, a high-publicity insurance fraud case involving two missing yachts, two missing women, and the chief investigator for the Clark County (Nevada) Public Defender's Office as the primary defendant.

1989 – 1992

I was selected to join the Special Trials Unit, the predecessor to today's Major Crimes Division. This elite trial unit specialized in the prosecution of complex and high profile cases. While assigned to this unit, I prosecuted Todd Bridges (actor from the television series "Different Strokes" who was charged with the attempted murder of an enforcer for a rock cocaine dealer in South-Central Los Angeles), Arthur Jackson (the crazed Scotsman who sent threatening letters to actress Theresa Saldana from prison where he was serving time for attempting to murder her some years before), Rickey Ross (a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy charged with killing three "strawberries" (South Central prostitutes who turned tricks for rock cocaine instead of cash)), and Clifford Brodsky and Hank Pursley (two businessmen who conspired to kill their business partner to collect the insurance proceeds from a "key man" insurance policy by hiring two hit men to do the job).

In September 1990, I was selected to be the lead trial attorney in the matter of *People v. Charles Keating, Jr., et al.* Defendant Keating was indicted for securities fraud related to the collapse of Lincoln Savings and Loan, the largest savings and loan failure in U.S. history. Following a five month jury trial, Keating was convicted in December 1991 and sentenced to 10 years in state prison in April 1992.

1992 – 1994

I was appointed by District Attorney Gil Garcetti to serve as Director of Central Operations for the District Attorney's Office.

During this period, I worked with the Los Angeles Police Department, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, and the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office in conducting the investigation of Michael Jackson for allegations of child molestation.

1994 – 1995

I was one of the lead prosecutors in the prosecution of O.J. Simpson for the murders of Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman.

1996 – 1997

I was appointed by District Attorney Gil Garcetti to serve as Director of Special Operations.

During this period, I prosecuted Death Row Records rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight in a protracted violation of probation proceeding. Knight was alleged to have beaten a Long Beach gang member/drug dealer in the lobby of the Las Vegas MGM Grand Hotel, an incident which occurred several hours before Tupac Shakur was shot to death in Knight's car. Knight was sentenced to 9 years in state prison.

1998 – 2000

I was appointed by District Attorney Gil Garcetti to serve as Assistant District Attorney for line operations.

2001 – 2002

I was appointed by District Attorney Steve Cooley to serve as Head Deputy for the Ad Hoc Rampart Division. I coordinated the investigation and prosecution of police misconduct cases arising from LAPD's Rampart Division scandal.

2002 – 2005

I was appointed by District Attorney Steve Cooley to serve as Head Deputy of the Sex Crimes Division and was charged with coordinating the investigation and prosecution efforts in the Catholic clergy sexual abuse of children scandal.

2005 – 2012

In March 2005, I was appointed by District Attorney Steve Cooley to serve as Head Deputy of the Target Crimes Division. One of my primary responsibilities was to supervise the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section (CAPOS), the special prosecution unit dedicated to the prosecution of those who kill or attempt to kill law enforcement officers in Los Angeles County.

December 2012 to January 2019

In December 2012, I was appointed by District Attorney Jackie Lacey to serve as the Assistant District Attorney overseeing the office's Bureau of Central Operations and the two Bureaus of Branch and Area Operations. During this time period I worked with District Attorney Jackie Lacey in establishing a collaborative multi-department/multi-agency infrastructure whose mission is to develop a diversion program for mentally ill offenders and improve their treatment in the county's criminal justice system.

I retired from the District Attorney's Office in January 2019.

2017 to Present

I am a guest lecturer at the Executive Leadership Program and the Public Safety Leadership Program at the University of Southern California's Safe Communities Institute.