

Everything good in my life has come from swimming. Thirty years ago, Kerry O'Brien (Walnut Creek Masters) got me into Masters Swimming and got me healthy. It's not his fault that I've never been more than a very average swimmer, but through swimming I met my wife, Marcia, who is a terrific swimmer, and who coaches her Masters swim team at Laney College in Oakland. Our daughter, Miriam, was a proud Aquabear until she went off to college, where she just finished her first swim season and loved it. Our vacations over the past 18 years seem to have been focused on any place there was an open water swim.

I was the open water chair for Pacific Masters Swimming for several years in the 1990's, and an open water race director. (Marcia stills serves on the board of Pacific Masters Swimming.) I have been an official for Pacific Swimming for over 10 years. I am just now completing my second term on Pacific's Board of Review. I was the vice-chair of Zone 2 from 2011 to 2013, and have been Zone 2 chair for the past 18 months.

Professionally, I have been practicing law since I graduated from law school in 1977. From 1977 to 2005, I worked in the city attorney's offices of Sacramento, Walnut Creek, and San Francisco. Since 2005, I have been an administrative law judge for the State of California.

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