

THOMAS A. NASSIF

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Admitted to the California Bar Association, 1969.

2002: President and Chief Executive Officer of Western Growers

2001: Founder and Managing Partner of Aequitas International Consulting.

1994 – 2001: President and Chief Executive Officer of Los Alamos Land Company. Negotiated with the U.S. Government to construct the new Port of Entry between Mexico and California on company property and subsequently developed the project.

1988-94: Chairman of Gulf Interstate Engineering, Houston TX. Primary responsibilities included taking a domestic oil and gas pipeline engineering company international. Established the company in various countries throughout North Africa, Middle East, and the Arabian Gulf. Created strategic partnerships with local businessmen to take advantage of opportunities for projects. Qualified company to bid on governmental engineering, construction and project management in the oil and gas pipeline sector.

1985-88: U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco. Oversaw a foreign aid program for approximately \$120,000,000 and Peace Corps of approximately 500 volunteers. Morocco and the United States had the largest military exercise program outside of Germany at that time and we coordinated military assistance as well as military exercise programs.

1983-85: Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Primary responsibilities included relations between the Department of State and the U.S. Congress on issues pertaining to policy and foreign assistance including economic, developmental, military, and agricultural aid. Additionally responsible for policy for North Africa, including Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Libya.

1981-83: Deputy and Acting Chief of Protocol for the White House during the Administration of President Ronald Reagan. Responsibilities included all arrangements for security and meetings of Chiefs of State and Heads of Government with President and Mrs. Reagan, Vice President Bush, the Secretary of State and meeting with the U.S. Congress.

1980-81: Partner in the San Diego based law firm of Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye (now DLA Piper) specializing in Management Labor Law and Agriculture. Primary attorney and negotiator for Imperial County Vegetable Growers during the unionization of the farm labor workers. Departed to work in the Administration of President Reagan.

1969-80: Private Practice.

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration from California State University Los Angeles, 1965.

Juris Doctorate Degree from California Western University School of Law, San Diego 1968.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

Honorable Discharge, United States Army, 1968.

Decorated in 1988 by the Late King Hassan II of Morocco.

Honorary Doctor of Law, California Western University School of Law, San Diego, 1988.

Recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, 1993.

Recipient Distinguished Alumni Award, School of Business and Economics, California State University Los Angeles, 1997.

Decorated by the President of Lebanon for work on US/Lebanese relations,

Ordained Deacon – Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, 1999

Member of the U.S. Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee, since 2003

Vice Chair of California Commission for Economic Development, 2007-2011

San Diego Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureate, 2010

Agriculturalist of the Year Award, 2017

Married with two adult children.