



BIOGRAPHY OF JAMES O. ABRAMS

Mr. Abrams was the President and CEO of the California Hotel & Lodging Association. from January 1, 1991 until December 31, 2008. Prior to that, he was engaged in the private practice of law in San Francisco for 20 years, and he was legal counsel to the Association for much of that time.

He has also represented numerous owners and operators of hotel, motels, and bed and breakfast inns of all types and sizes on a wide variety of legal, governmental, and operational issues. He is the author of the book *Laws Pertaining to the California Innkeeper* (3rd rev. ed., 2002), which is published by the California Hotel & Lodging Association.

In his capacity as President & CEO of the California Hotel & Lodging Association, Mr. Abrams was responsible for, among other things, management of the Association's legislative and regulatory affairs programs. He is a frequent speaker and writer on all aspects of the law relating to the lodging industry.

Mr. Abrams is an adjunct professor, teaching Hospitality Law and Human Resource Issues in the Hospitality Industry Management Program at the University of San Francisco.

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