



## Jo-Ann W. Grace

**President and General Counsel, Metropolitan News Company**  
**Co-Publisher, *Metropolitan News-Enterprise***

**J**O-ANN W. GRACE received her AB in political science from USC in 1967 and her JD from University of Texas School of Law in 1970. She was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1970 and to the State Bar of California in 1973.

From 1971-80, she was an estate and gift tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service, serving as the federal women's program coordinator for the Los Angeles District; as a member of Western Region's Women's Advisory Committee; headed the Women's Committee of Federal Executive Board, and was member of USC Advisory Committee on the Continuing Education of Women.

In 1980, she became co-publisher of the Los Angeles daily law-oriented newspaper, Metropolitan News, which subsequently merged with the Los Angeles Enterprise to become the Metropolitan News-Enterprise.

Since 1990, she has been president/general counsel of Metropolitan News Company, which wholly owns three Los Angeles County newspapers, as well as newspapers in Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties.

Married since June 19, 1976, one adult daughter.

### **Her present activities include:**

- ◆ Member: Board of Trustees, Los Angeles County Bar Association (assistant vice president); Executive Committee, LACBA Senior Lawyers Section; California Women Lawyers (life member); Board of Governors, Italian American Lawyers Association (life member); Cowboy Lawyers (founding member, belt # 19); City of Hope Board of Governors, City of Hope Chancellors.
- ◆ President, Whitney National Trust for Historic Preservation.

### **Past activities include:**

- ◆ Chair, Los Angeles County Bar Assn. (LACBA) delegation to the Conference of California Bar Associations (CCBA) (2015-16).
- ◆ Member, State Bar of California Board of Governors (vice president, 2006-2007).
- ◆ Board member, Foundation of the State Bar of California (treasurer, 2002-2004).
- ◆ President, Italian American Lawyers Assn. (1996).
- ◆ Member, State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (2000-2004).
- ◆ Chair, Campaign Watch Commission (League of Women Voters, Los Angeles).
- ◆ Board member, Los Angeles County Bar Foundation.
- ◆ Chair, Lawyers Conference of Judicial Administration Division of ABA (1982).
- ◆ Member, Advisory Board, Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center (non-profit legal corporation).
- ◆ Chair, Breakfast Club (2001-2002).
- ◆ Secretary, Fondazione Italia (Italian Foundation).