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**Ronald F. Brot to Receive the LACBA Family Law Section's Highest Honor –
The Spencer Brandeis Award**

*Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis will also be honored for his efforts
as Supervising Judge to the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Division*

LOS ANGELES – August 27, 2019 – The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Family Law Section has announced that former section chair and current LACBA President, Ronald F. Brot, has been selected as the recipient of its highest honor – The Spencer Brandeis Award – for his extraordinary impact upon the advancement of family law through creative legal advocacy and commitment to the service of the family law community.

The Family Law Section will also recognize Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, Supervising Judge to the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Division, for his commitment to the family law community throughout his career as a judge and attorney.

The awards will be presented to Mr. Brot and Supervising Judge Lewis during the LACBA Family Law Section's Celebration Dinner & Installation of Officers on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Hotel Indigo Los Angeles. Tickets are available by calling LACBA Member Services at (213) 896-6560 or online at www.lacba.org/calendar.

“During his many years as a member of the Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and his eventual rise to chair of the section and now LACBA president, Mr. Brot has diligently dedicated himself, as a leader, in making changes for the advancement of the family law bar and bench,” said David K. Yamamoto, chair of LACBA's Family Law Section. “He has made information regarding LACBA more accessible to its members. His positive leadership and creative ideas are being put into place now to increase membership by encouraging LACBA to adapt and change to accommodate membership needs in light of the ever-changing practice of law.”

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During his more than 30 years as a member of the Family Law Section, Mr. Brot helped lead the section to a position of prominence in the Bar and the Los Angeles Superior Court. He is the first Chair of the Family Law Section to be elected as President of LACBA in its 141 year history. He is dedicated to improving the quality of family law legal services, particularly in the courtroom, and was an early leader in the effort to provide practical training in litigation skills and trial advocacy to the Los Angeles County family law bar.

Mr. Brot is a founding and senior partner at Brot · Gross · Fishbein LLP and has focused his practice on family law for more than 30 years. He is widely respected in the Los Angeles legal community and currently serves as the 2019-2020 president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

With four decades of trial and appellate experience, Mr. Brot has successfully handled high conflict and complex cases from inception through settlement or trial involving all aspects of family law, including child custody, relocation, domestic violence, support, property, complex financial and paternity issues.

Mr. Brot received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctorate degree cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School. He is admitted to practice throughout California in all State and U.S. Federal District Courts, the United States Court of Appeals – 9th Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis

Judge Lewis is the Supervising Judge to the Los Angeles County Family Law Division and oversees the operations of the nearly 70 family law departments in the county. From 2011 to 2014 he served as Assistant Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division, and from 2014 to 2016, served in a long cause trial department.

As a lawyer, Judge Lewis became a Certified Family Law Specialist in 1985 and was inducted into the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in 1987 and as a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Law in 2016. He also served on the Family Law and Juvenile Advisory Commission until 2014; and is a past faculty member for the judicial training committee for Family Law (CJER). In 2015, he was the recipient of The Spencer Brandeis Award.

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