



Nonprofit Publisher
of Consumer Reports

Mark Savage
Senior Attorney
West Coast Office

AREA OF POLICY EXPERTISE

Insurance issues, including insurance redlining, insurance ratemaking, and insurance regulation; health care issues, including health disparities, conversions of non-profit health plans to for-profit companies; public records; civil-rights and consumer-rights litigation. Also, expertise in issues of poverty and discrimination against low-income, minority, and limited-English-speaking communities, with emphasis on health care, telecommunications, insurance & economic development, bilingual issues, and education, and attorneys' fees for civil-rights advocates.

BIOGRAPHY

Mark Savage is Senior Attorney at Consumers Union where he works in state and national fora on a variety of systemic issues affecting low-income and minority communities, including insurance redlining and economic development, health care and non-profit health-plan conversions, the digital divide in access to telecommunications and information services, and the electricity energy crisis. Prior to joining Consumers Union, he was a Managing Attorney at Public Advocates, Inc., one of the oldest public-interest law firms in the nation, where he worked from 1989-2003 to end systemic causes and effects of poverty and discrimination against the poor and people of color in diverse areas such as economic development, health care, telecommunications, insurance redlining, and education. During his years in law school, he worked in Mississippi and South Africa for racial justice. In his other life, he resides with his wife and two children in Oakland and loves to sing in a choir.

EDUCATION

Mr. Savage graduated with Honors from the University of California, Berkeley, and graduated from Stanford Law School. He is admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California, and is also a member of the bars of the United States District Court for the Northern, Central, Eastern, and Southern Districts of California; the bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; and the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

PUBLICATIONS, ISSUE BRIEFS, BRIEFING PAPERS, AND ARTICLES

Mr. Savage has made numerous presentations in the areas of insurance, telecommunications, health care, education, and Native American sovereignty. Besides numerous legal briefs on various issues, Mr. Savage has published the following articles:

Mark Savage, *The Great Secret about Federal Indian Law -Two Hundred Years in Violation of the Constitution -And the Opinion the Supreme Court Should Have Written To Reveal It*, 20 New York University Review of Law and Social Change 343 (1993).

Mark Savage, *Native Americans and the Constitution: The Original Understanding*, 16 American Indian Law Review 57 (1991).

West Coast Office
1535 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
415.431.6747 tel
415.431.0906 fax
www.consumersunion.org

Lawrence M. Friedman & Mark Savage, *Taking Care: Conservatorship Law in California*, 61 Southern California Law Review 273 (1988).

Mark Savage, *The Law of Abortion in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the People's Republic of China: Women's Rights in Two Socialist Countries*, 40 Stanford Law Review 1027 (1988).

AWARDS

Among other awards, Mr. Savage received The Drum Major Award in 1998 from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles, for excellence in contribution to peace and justice; the El Fuego Nuevo [The New Flame] Award in 1999 from the Association of Mexican American Educators, for outstanding dedication and service whose work serves as a new light in education, and an inspiration for Latinos; the Leadership Recognition Award in 1999 from the California Primary Care Association, for extraordinary dedication and contributions to the immigrant community; the "Living Our UU Values" Award in 2001, from the Pacific Central District of the Unitarian Universalist Association, for consistently passionate and outstanding social justice work; and the Screaming Eagle Award in 2004, from the California Reinvestment Coalition, for tireless advocacy for equal access to insurance.