

**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS BASED UPON NEWS REPORTS AND LEGAL FILINGS
IMPEACHMENT INVESTIGATION OF
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE MANUEL L. REAL
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- September 11, 1991: Alan and Elizabeth Canter purchase a Los Angeles home as an investment.
- September 25, 1991: Their son, Gary, and his wife, Deborah, take up residence at the home. Gary pays rent thereafter.
- 1997: Title to the home is transferred to a trust (the “Canter Family Trust”).
- February 24, 1999: Gary and Deborah Canter separate. Gary moves out and rent payments cease thereafter.
- August 13, 1999: Alan Canter files an unlawful-detainer action in California state court, seeking Deborah’s eviction from the property and \$5,000 back rent.
- October 26, 1999: Deborah Canter files a Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition 24 minutes before her unlawful-detainer trial commences. The trial is stayed.
- January 24, 2000: Deborah Canter and Judge Real conduct a probation review meeting in his chambers. (Judge Real was supervising Deborah Canter as part of her probation in a separate criminal case in which she pled guilty to perjury and loan fraud.)
- January 26, 2000: The bankruptcy court lifts the stay at the request of the Canter Family Trust, thereby allowing the unlawful-detainer action to proceed. Alan Canter and Deborah Canter subsequently sign a stipulated judgment that Deborah vacate the premises.
- February 7, 2000: the California state court enters a judgment pursuant to the stipulation and orders that Alan Canter recover possession of the property from Deborah Canter.
- February 17, 2000: Judge Real withdraws the case from the bankruptcy court.
- February 29, 2000: Judge Real stays enforcement of the California state court judgment.
- Sometime in 2000 or 2001: Judge Real refuses to lift the stay upon motion by the Canter Family Trust.
- June 18, 2001: Judge Real again refuses to lift the stay upon motion by the Canter Family Trust. When counsel for the Trust requested a reason, Judge Real replied: “Just because I said it, Counsel.”
- July 2001: Judge Real transfers the bankruptcy proceeding to a second U.S. district judge. The second judge re-refers the proceeding to the bankruptcy court. (The stay of the unlawful-detainer action remains in effect.)

- January 2002: the bankruptcy court grants a motion by the Trust to abandon Deborah Canter's interest in the property.
- August 15, 2002: The Ninth Circuit court of appeals vacates Judge Real's order withdrawing the case from the bankruptcy court and the accompanying order staying enforcement of the California state court judgment.
- February 2003: A judicial misconduct complaint is filed against Judge Real.
- July 14, 2003: The Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit dismisses the complaint.
- December 18, 2003: A Ninth Circuit Judicial Council enters an order recommending that the Chief Judge undertake further investigation into ex parte communications between Judge Real and Deborah Canter.
- November 4, 2004: The Chief Judge enters a supplemental order and dismisses the complaint again.
- September 29, 2005: A complaint regarding the Chief Judge's November 4, 2004, order is dismissed.
- May 23, 2006: Ninth Circuit Chief Judge orders a "special committee" to investigate consolidated complaints against Judge Real.