

## Let's Get to Know Each Other!

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Family Members (spouse/partner, children, grandchildren, etc.) Please include birth years. (It would be helpful for family tree purposes if you could keep also note the family lineage, e.g, which grandchildren are associated with which parents.)	spouse: Marlene Fedo Arden (0 kids, 2 dogs (Kookie, Newman).)  (My sister, Nancy Gilpin [husband Wayne Gilpin,] has one child, Ryan. My brother, Dennis Arden, had no kids and passed away recently, leaving his spouse, Alice Rice. They lived in Astoria, Oregon. Dennis, coincidentally, played and repaired pianos, having taught himself to play when he was a kid. He also sold piano parts around the world through <a href="http://www.pianosupply.com">www.pianosupply.com</a> .)
Names of your parents:	Sidney Harold Arden and June Louise Arden.
Where did you grow up?	Mostly, Woodland Hills, California, in the San Fernando Valley (northwest Los Angeles County.)
Where have you lived and where do you live now? For how long?	1957 to 1962: north end of Beverly Hills, California. 1962 to 1987: Woodland Hills, California. 1987 to 1989: Studio City, California. 1989 to 2001: Valley Glen, California. since 2001: Valley Village, California.
How did you end up living in your current city/town and what do you like about where you live?	I grew up at the northwest edge of Los Angeles, and lived there until I met my wife, who lived about eighteen mile east, closer to downtown Los Angeles. We stayed in this area because it is central to everything without being in The City. (It's becoming citified, but the San Fernando Valley started out as horse ranches, farms, and orange groves.)
Where did you go to school (college, university) and what did you study?	University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA,) computer programming, psychology; B.A. (psychology.)  University of West Los Angeles (UWLA,) law; J.D.
Current Occupation:	Attorney at law.
Former Occupation(s):	Hopefully, attorney at law.
Interests/passions/hobbies: e.g., how do you like to spend your time, what brings you happiness?	Now, cars, car shows (see, esp., <a href="http://www.supercarsunday.com">www.supercarsunday.com</a> .) and driving.

Organizations with which you are involved:	Presently: California State Bar Committee on Professional Liability Insurance (COPLI.) Los Angeles County Bar Association's Professional Responsibility and Ethics Committee (PREC.) The Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL.) American Bar Association (ABA.)
Three interesting facts about you:	There's nothing interesting anymore, but long ago, I spent some time crewing for a commercial hot air balloon operator. I also worked for a while for an operator of rooftop advertising balloons (inflated by fans, <i>not</i> hot air.) Most of my lawyer work has involved attorney ethics; I've sued lots more lawyers than I have defended.

Please feel free to add additional comments or share anything else you would like us to know about you.

I remember being disappointed when, as a kid, my dad told us he couldn't become President because he hadn't been born in the United States. (I've gotten over it.) He said he'd been born in Windsor, Ontario, in Canada, and that we had relatives named "Weingarden" and "Arden" in Windsor and in Detroit. It'll be great to finally meet some of you!