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Dispute Resolution Services

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

California State Bar No. 114654 Admitted to Practice: 1984

Licensed: All California courts; U.S. District Court, Northern District, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals

Member: State Bar of California; San Mateo County Bar Ass'n (President, 2003; Board of Directors, 1996-2004); Alameda County Bar Ass'n

## II. EDUCATION

University of California at Santa Barbara, B.A., 1975

Santa Clara University School of Law, J.D., 1984

## III. LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Trial attorney for over 20 years, general civil litigation, approx. 70% defense/30% plaintiff, emphasis on defense of legal malpractice and other professional negligence claims, and attorney ethics; also personal injury, employment and discrimination, real property and construction defect, business litigation. Expert witness and privately retained temporary judge in general civil litigation matters. AV<sup>®</sup> rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

## IV. AREAS OF LEGAL AND ADR EXPERTISE

General Civil	Legal Malpractice	Professional Negligence	Personal Injury
Real Property	Easements and Boundaries	Construction Defect	Real Estate Sales
Employment	Discrimination	Defamation	Premises Liability
Trust Litigation	Insurance Disputes	Workers Comp	Discovery Disputes

## V. ADR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training, Steven Rosenberg, 40-hour course (1996)

Mediation Training, Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC), 8 hours (1992)

Conducted hundreds of mediations, arbitrations, neutral evaluations, etc. since 1994; Co-founder, San Mateo County Multi-option ADR Project (1994); SMCBA ADR Section, Chair, 1990's - 2002; Member, Judicial Council Working Group on Standards of Conduct for Mediators in Court-Connected Mediation Programs, 2000 - 2002; California Dispute Resolution Council, President-elect, 2005; Board of Directors, 2002 - present; Consultant, California Judges Benchbook (ADR Chapter)

## VI. ADR/LEGAL PUBLICATIONS and TRAININGS GIVEN

"Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Future of Lawyering," 23 Lincoln L. Rev. 1 (1995); "The Use of 'Neutral Evaluation' Techniques in the Mediation of Professional Negligence Cases," CAOC Annual Convention, 1999; "Things to Consider Before Including an Arbitration Clause in Your Contracts," Farm Employers Labor Service Newsletter, 2003 (Vol. 32, No. 12); Guest Lecturer, Hastings and Boalt Hall, ADR Policy and Practice, 1998-2001; California Judges Ass'n, Retired Judges Conference, "Advanced ADR Techniques," 2001 and 2004. See website for more.

## VII. FEE RATES AND METHOD OF BILLING

\$375/hr.; \$425/hr. complex or multi-party; modest means and pro bono available

## VIII. SERVICES OFFERED

Mediation, arbitration, neutral evaluation, private judging under CRC 244, discovery referee, insurance umpire. Services in all Bay Area counties, will travel.