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Judicial Arbitrator Profile

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Year admitted to California State Bar: 1975

State Bar number: 67129

Law School: Golden Gate

Degree Received: JD

ADR TRAINING and EXPERIENCE

Course Title	Trainer	Hours	Date
Too numerous to list. Over 250 hours with AAA, State Bar, NASD, FINRA, CCC Bar Assoc., Alameda County Bar Assoc., BBB, CEB, State Dept of Consumer Affairs, Center for Judicial Education, etc.			

I am a member of these court-connected ADR panels. (Specify the processes for which you have qualified):
Contra Costa County Superior Court EASE Program; Northern California Bankruptcy Dispute Resolution Panel; Alameda County Superior Court Arbitration & Mediation Panels

During the past five years, I have provided ADR services through the below listed organizations:
FINRA; No Cal Bk Dispute Resolution Panel; CCC EASE Program; Alameda County Sup Ct ADR Panel; CCC, Alameda County & State Bar Fee Arbitration Programs

In the past five years I have served as the arbitrator on:
(Please include the dates of service and the case type or subject matter).

1. Personal Injury, Auto 2009
2. Personal Injury Premises, 2009
3. Contracts, 2009
4. Partnership, 2009
5. Trusts, 2009

My practice is approximately: 50 % mediation and 50 % arbitration.

Number of years experience as: arbitrator 20 mediator 10

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of California

I am a retired judicial officer (Please describe when/where):

I am currently a part time Court Commissioner with the Contra Costa County Superior Courts and have been for over 25 years.

I am also a part time hearing officer for the Oakland Housing Authority. Former hearing officer for Oakland Rent Control Program

I am currently active in litigation practice.

Approximately 10 % of my practice involves litigation

My current practice involves thee case types:

Personal Injury	Wills, Trusts & Probate	Corporate Governance
ADR	Not for Profit Corp.	

My legal practice includes personal injury litigation and I represent:

Plaintiffs as approximately 90 % of my practice and/or

Defendants as approximately 10 % of my practice.

In the past five years, I have served as attorney of record in the following:

Jury Trials Court Trials Mediations Arbitrations

AVAILABILITY and SPECIAL SKILLS

Languages, other than English, in which I am able to conduct ADR Proceedings: _____

Special bi-cultural/multicultural capabilities or familiarity I possess: _____

I am available to conduct arbitrations: in my office;

at counsel's office; other (please specify): _____

I am available to conduct arbitration proceedings: during regular office hours;

evenings by appointment; weekends by prior arrangement.

CASE TYPE DESIGNATION

I am qualified by training/experience to provide arbitration services in the checked case types, and these case types represent the indicated percentage of my law practice:

Case type Accepted	X	% of Law Practice	Case Type Accepted	X	% of Law Practice
Antitrust/Trade Regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Asset Forfeiture	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other Expertise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Auto (Personal Injury)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Other Judicial Review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Breach of Contract/Warranty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Other non-PI/PD/WD Tort	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Other Petition -Not Listed Above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Civil Rights (e.g., Discrimination, False Arrest, Disability)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other PI/PD/WD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Collections (e.g., Money Owed)	<input type="checkbox"/>		Other Real Property (e.g., Quiet Title)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Open Book Accounts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Partnership and Corp. Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Construction Defect	<input type="checkbox"/>		Petition re Arbitration Award	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Defamation (e.g., Slander, Libel)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Probate/Will Contest/Family	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Drugs	<input type="checkbox"/>		Product Liability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Elder Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Professional Negligence (e.g., Malpractice)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/>		RICO	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Enforcement of Judgment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Securities Litigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
False Imprisonment	<input type="checkbox"/>		Sexual Harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Family Law	<input type="checkbox"/>		Toxic/Environmental Tort	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fraud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		UD Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Insurance Coverage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		UD Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Intellectual Property	<input type="checkbox"/>		Uninsured Motorist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lemon Law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Writ of Mandate	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mass Tort	<input type="checkbox"/>		Wrongful Eviction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mechanics Lien	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Wrongful Termination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Medical Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other Complaint-Not Listed Above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				