

SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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**TODAY'S DATE:**

Check each panel for which you have been accepted:     mediation                       neutral evaluation

**1. Describe your education, including degrees and the dates received.**

*1997 BA – German – University of Notre Dame, South Bend, emphasis on Education*

*1982 JD – University of Santa Clara*

**2. Briefly describe the ADR training you have received. For each training, give the trainer's name, the dates attended, and the total hours.**

*-Dispute Resolution Training Institute, Santa Clara County Office of Human Relations, 40 hours, Nov. 1997*

*-Various seminars since that time*

**3. Describe the subject matter of five disputes for which you have been an ADR provider in the past five years, with the dates. Identify the process and state whether you were a sole- or co-provider.**

- *Partnership/loan dispute - 2004*
- *Construction defect/warranty dispute - 2004*
- *Lease/contract abandonment dispute - 2003*
- *Auto accident dispute - 2003*
- *Drunk driving case - 2003*

**4. Check your areas of substantive expertise:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business (Commercial - Contract) | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate - Wills                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property | <input type="checkbox"/> Prof. Negl. (Non-Medical)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance             | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor – Employment    | <input type="checkbox"/> Securities                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Issues/Abuse                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Other (specify):</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood          | <i>Subrogation</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership           | <i>Workers' Compensation</i>                                |
|  |  | <i>Aviation</i>   |

**5. If you are an attorney:**

A. How many years have you been in active practice? If none, please explain.

*21 years*

B. What is or was the nature of your practice?

*Personal Injury; Subrogation; Workers' Compensation*

C. What percentage of your practice has been representing plaintiffs 90% defendants 10%

D. How many of the following have you completed in the past five years?:

Jury trials 3              Court trials 1              Judicial arbitrations; *approximately 20 Workers' Compensation trials. I have arbitrated approximately 10 matters.*

**6. Is your ADR style facilitative or evaluative/directive?**

*I modify my style based on the request of the parties.*

**7. Describe your fee schedule, including any sliding-scale or pro-bono provisions.**

*\$30.00/hour*

**8. Give any other information that should be considered by parties or counsel.**

*I represented solely defendants in civil and workers' compensation cases for approximately 13 years, 1984-1997. Since 1997 I represent primarily plaintiffs, but also receive work from several insurance companies.*