

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.**

*J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law, 1987*

*M.A., English, University of Idaho, 1970*

*B.A., English, University of Montana, 1968*

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

*Mediation training designed and taught:*

- *Law school mediation courses (hundreds of hours): Lecturer in Law, Stanford Law School Gould Center for Conflict Resolution, 1997- present; Adjunct Professor, Santa Clara University School of Law, 1988-1997; University of Rome La Sapienza and Hamline Law School, Rome 2003.*
- *Court and administrative agency-sponsored mediation training (hundreds of hours): California Courts of Appeal First, Second and Third Appellate Districts 2002-present, trained over 500 lawyers in 4.5-day fundamentals and advanced appellate mediation training programs; Arizona Supreme Court, 1996, 8 hours; Hawaii Judiciary ADR Program, Appellate & Probate Panels 1993-1996; E.E.O.C., San Francisco, 1994, 20 hour program for ALJ's Diverse ADR Inc., San Francisco, 1994-1995, 40 hours; numerous short programs.*

*Mediation training taken:*

- *Mediation training, Harvard Program on Negotiation, 1995, 40 hours; Singer & Lewis, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 1998, 16 hours; Tony Roffers communication skills training, 1993-1998, 100+ hours; CDR Associates, 1993 (asst. trainer), 40 hours; Center for Mediation in Law, 1989-1992 (asst. trainer), 130+ hours; National Center Associates, 1992, 50 hours; U.S. Arbitration & Mediation, 1992, 40 hours; and Bar Association of San Francisco, 1991, 40 hours.*

**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.**

- *Dissolution of business partnership, solo mediation 2008*
- *Childhood sexual abuse and counterclaim for defamation, solo mediation 2008*
- *Dissolution of same-sex personal and real estate investment partnership, solo mediation 2007*
- *Elder abuse and wrongful death claim, multiple family members v. nursing home, hospital and physician, solo mediation 2007*
- *Sexual harassment and discrimination and wrongful (constructive) discharge, solo mediation 2007*

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

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

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

**A. How many years have you been in active practice? If none, please explain.**    *20 years*

**B. What is or was the nature of your practice?**    *1991-present, full time neutral; 1993-1997, Circuit Court Staff Mediator, Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; 1988-1991, employment & business litigation practice, McCutchen Doyle, San Francisco & San Jose; 1987-1988, law clerk, California Supreme Court.*

**C. What percentage of your practice has been representing plaintiffs    00%    defendants    00%\***  
*I do not represent parties. As a litigator I represented 20% plaintiffs and 80% defendants.*

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

Jury trials    *0*    Court trials    *0*                      Judicial arbitrations;    *0*

**6. Is your ADR style facilitative or evaluative/directive?**                      *I prefer to individualize the mediation process in consultation with counsel. However, I usually begin with a facilitative approach and then become more directive/evaluative at the parties' request or if the case requires it.*

**7. Describe your fee schedule, including any sliding-scale or pro-bono provisions.**    *\$500/hour, 4-hour minimum. No charge for travel time/expenses within the Bay Area. Pro-bono or flexible fee schedule for good cause.*

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

*I have mediated over 2,000 cases as a full-time neutral and have been recognized by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as a Top-50 California Neutral. I willingly travel throughout the Bay Area at no additional fee. For additional information, visit my website at [danacurtismediation.com](http://danacurtismediation.com).*