

SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ *rluft@jamsadr.com*

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

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

*University of South Carolina – BA in History - 1958*

*Hastings College of the Law – LLB - 1964*

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

*-Pepperdine University – Mediation Settlement Skills – 7/17-19/97, 18 hours; Advanced Mediation Skills – 7/27-29/00, 18 hours.*

*-California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District Mediator Training 10/2000, 19 hours.*

*-American Health Lawyer's Association – 2000, 16 hours.*

*-Bar Association of San Francisco, Breaking Impasse – 2001, 7 hours.*

*-U.S. District Court, N. District of CA – 10/2001, 8 hours.*

*-Pepperdine University – Mediating Construction Disputes – 7/2002, 18 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.

- *Mediation – Medical malpractice, sole provider, multi-party, 1/30/03*
- *Mediation – Medical malpractice, sole provider, multi-party, 11/11/02*
- *Mediation – Auto personal injury, sole provider, 10/10/02*
- *Mediation – Long term disability denial of claim, sole provider, 10/2/02*
- *Mediation – Truck-auto collision, sole provider, multi-party, 5/1/02 & 8/30/02*

4. Check your areas of substantive expertise:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury           |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prof. Negl. (Non-Medical) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction          | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood                   | <i>Product Liability</i>                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership                    |   |

5. If you are an attorney:

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

*36 years*

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

*Civil defense practice; professional liability; product liability.*

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

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

Jury trials *1* Court trials *0* Judicial arbitrations; *7*

*Medical Binding Arbitrations 19*

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

*I use both approaches, depending on the nature of the case and the attorneys involved.*

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

*\$400.00/hour; no cancellation fee.*

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

*San Mateo Superior Court Panel, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District Panel, American Health Lawyers Association panel, U.S. District Court Northern District of California ENE and mediation panels.*