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ADR and Related Qualifications:

Certificated Mediator, the University of California, Berkeley
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CourtCall Online Dispute Resolution, Certified Panelist Mediator and Arbitrator

SF County Superior Court	<u>Mandatory Settlement Conference (“MSC”) Officer.</u> Conducts MSCs in civil cases venued in San Francisco Superior Court, bringing civil cases to closure based on decades of experience in mediations and arbitrations (Current)
Mediator, Arbitrator	<u>Mediator,</u> CastoriaDisputeResolution.com. Mediator and Arbitrator, CourtCall Online Dispute Resolution. (Current)
SF County Health Dept. Lawyer	<u>Hearing Officer.</u> Hearing and rendering binding awards under sections of the Health Code as a Hearing Officer under contract to the City and County of San Francisco. (2018-2020)
Adjunct Professor of Law	<u>California Attorney; Law Firm Partner.</u> Represents clients in over 1,000 mediations, arbitrations, administrative hearings, and mandatory settlement conferences in Federal and State Courts throughout the Western United States, in the American Arbitration Association, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA, and its predecessor, NASD), Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, ADR Services, Judicate West, and private mediators. (1980 to present)
	Golden Gate University School of Law (San Francisco), 2019-present, teaching courses in civil litigation, including dispute resolution.

Areas of Expertise:

- General and Professional Liability: including large-scale construction claims arising from component defects; catastrophic injury and property damages cases; financial and professional services.
- Management liability: corporate governance disputes and lawsuits, including public and private companies; homeowners' associations and corporate directors and officers actions; employment claims; shareholder class actions and derivative actions; public agency governance issues; serves on and has chaired nonprofit boards of directors
- Commercial transactions and disputes in high-tech startups, buy-sell and unfair competition claims, and class actions under statutes such as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- Civil Rights issues in disputes against public agencies, including First Amendment litigation under the Civil Rights Act, including one case heard by the Supreme Court of the United States on April 26, 2021.

Education:

University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, J.D. 1980

University of San Francisco, B.A. 1976 (Valedictorian, Student Body President)

Professional Recognitions:

- Rated AV[®] Preeminent[™] and AV[®] Judicial Edition by Martindale-Hubbell
- Northern California Super Lawyers, 2007-2021

Philanthropy:

Founder and Chair of the Board of the Coastal Literary Arts Movement

(www.CoastalLit.org), a California nonprofit corporation that encourages multicultural literary and journalistic endeavors in Pacific Coast communities.