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**Profession**

Arbitrator, Mediator, Insurance Umpire, Project Neutral

**Work History**

Arbitrator, 2002 - Present; Mediator and Insurance Umpire, 2020 - Present; Equity Partner and Manager of the Litigation Department, Wolf Rifkin Shapiro Schulman & Rabkin LLP, 1985 - 2019; Associate, Lavelly & Singer, 1983 - 1985; Associate, Anderson McPharlin & Conners LLP, 1982 - 1983; Associate, Murchison & Cumming, LLP, 1981 - 1982.

**Consumer Experience**

Served as arbitrator in numerous consumer disputes including state and federal claims involving: (a) California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (CLRA); (b) California Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Rosenthal Act); (c) California Consumer Credit Reporting Act (CCRAA); (d) California Identity Theft Act (CITA); (e) California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA); (f) California Credit Services Act (CCSA); (g) California Fair Debt Settlement Practices Act (CFDSPA); (h) California Unfair Competition Law (B&P Code Section 17200 et. seq.) (i) Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act; (j) Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA); (k) Federal Telephone Consumer Practices Act (TCPA); (l) Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA); and the Unfair Competition Law (UCL); (m) Federal Credit Repair Organization Act (CROA); (n) California Fair Debt Settlement Practices Act (FDSPA); (o) Electronic Funds Transfer Act (EFTA); (p) Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (MMWA); Lemon Law, auto/vehicle purchases, leases, financing, and warranties.

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## Experience

Forty-five (45) years of legal practice devoted to construction, real estate, business/contract, insurance and homeowner association (condominium) litigation. Experience includes litigating (as counsel - prosecution and defense), arbitrating (as arbitrator and as insurance umpire) and mediating (as mediator), numerous disputes relating to:

**CONSTRUCTION (PRIVATE AND PUBLIC WORKS):** Over 200 small to complex, multi-million dollar construction claims including claims involving construction defects, fire/water losses, breach of construction contracts including AIA construction contracts, construction management, delay, disruption, critical path, sequencing, impact, acceleration, change orders, extra work, incomplete work, prompt payment penalties, mechanics liens, stop notices, the California False Claims Act, performance/payment bonds, bid bonds, indemnity, contribution, subrogation, construction accounting, construction business operations, mold (both property damage and bodily injury), habitability, Americans with Disability Act (ADA), construction related coverage/insurance bad faith (including CGL and OCIP/Wrap policies), developers, owners, contractors, subcontractors, construction managers, design professionals, architects, engineers, suppliers, banks/lenders, sureties, and insurance carriers. Claims relate to multi-unit and high-rise condominiums, planned unit developments (PUDs), apartment complexes, single family homes, luxury homes, office and retail space, commercial property, industrial property, schools and colleges, government facilities, hotels/resorts, gas stations, and restaurants.

**BUSINESS AND CONTRACT:** Over 200 business and contract disputes involving corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships and sole proprietorships including claims for breach of contract, shareholder disputes, business torts, collection, consumer claims (see Consumer Resume), fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, legal malpractice, attorney fees, conversion, business dissolution, receivership, interstate carriers/trucking, UCC-1 Financing Statements, lender liability. Also, financial elder abuse, estate disputes, and cannabis contracts.

**REAL ESTATE:** Over 200 disputes between buyers, sellers and real

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estate brokers/agents and escrow companies involving residential, commercial, retail and industrial real estate transactions, claims of breach of contract including breach of the California Association of Realtors (CAR) Residential Purchase Agreement, Commercial Purchase Agreement, Listing Agreement, Residential Lease Agreement, Commercial Lease Agreement, escrow instructions/agreements, home inspection agreements, non-disclosure, specific performance, rescission, restitution, fraud, broker/agent errors and omissions/malpractice, and broker/agent compensation claims. Also, landlord-tenant (commercial and residential leases), habitability, premises liability, property management, partnership, partition, boundary, neighbor, easements, condemnation, quiet title, title insurance, surety claims, escrow companies, bank and private loans, notes, secured interests (deeds of trust) and foreclosures.

**INSURANCE/COVERAGE/INSURANCE UMPIRE:** Over 200 insurance disputes involving insurance bad faith, property loss, business interruption, first-and third-party coverage, allocation of loss between carriers, primary-excess, and trigger issues/exhaustion of policy limits. Policies include liability, construction, homeowner, professional errors and omissions, title, surety, and auto insurance.

**HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION/CONDOMINIUM (HOA):** Over 200 claims between HOA and homeowner including breach of governing documents (CC&Rs), board malfeasance (negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud), injunctive relief (restraining orders and injunctions), and elections. HOA vendor, property manager and construction disputes.

### **Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience**

Served as a sole arbitrator, panelist or panel chair in more than 200 cases (most handled through award), mediator in more than 250 cases, and participating counsel (most resulting in settlements through mediation) in well over 1000 cases involving small to multi-million dollar private and public works construction disputes (including claims for construction defects, contractor claims for compensation, delay, sequencing, impact, disruption, critical path and prompt payment penalties), real estate disputes, business/contract disputes, consumer related disputes and homeowner association matters.

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Served as an arbitrator in numerous matters involving Lemon Law, auto/vehicle purchases, leases, financing, and warranties.

Served as an AAA R-7 arbitrator on numerous matters to determine jurisdiction, arbitrability and joinder issues.

Served as property insurance umpire on numerous claims brought by insureds against insurance carriers involving property loss, relocation expenses and business interruption claims.

Member of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) since 2002 serving on several panels including Construction Industry, Large Complex Case, Commercial and Consumer Panel. Member of the Panel of Neutrals of Alternative Resolution Centers (ARC) since 2019. Member of Panel of Arbitrators and Settlement Officers of the Los Angeles Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program since 2001. Past Member of the Panel of Arbitrators for the Contractors State License Board ("CSLB"), Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

### **Technology Proficiency**

Proficient in virtual (Zoom) technology. Available for virtual, in-person and hybrid mediations and evidentiary hearings.

Proficient in electronically stored information (ESI) discovery and related issues.

### **Education**

Loyola Law School (JD, Deans Honor List - 1980); University of California Los Angeles (BA, Political Science, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa - 1977).

### **Professional Licenses**

Admitted to the Bar: California (1981); U.S. District Court: Central District of California (1981); U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit (1981).

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**Citizenship**

United States of America

**Languages**

English

**Compensation**

Cancellation Period:

0 Days

Comment:

Compensation rates, established by the AAA, are set forth in the applicable Consumer Arbitration Rules.

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