

# **ROBERT J. SHEPPARD - - *Curriculum Vitae (Private Mediator/Arbitrator)***

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## **PRIVATE MEDIATOR/ARBITRATOR/NEUTRAL**

Voted and selected in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016: "**Northern California Super Lawyer**" in the field of Mediation & ADR for civil disputes and in field of Real Estate Law (ballots sent to 52,000 Northern California lawyers). Focus and training in Real Estate Law, Landlord-Tenant Law, Premises Liability Law, Personal Injury and Tort Law, Insurance Coverage, Commercial Disputes, Business Transactions, Employment Disputes, Wills/Trusts, Estate Planning, Professional Malpractice, Neighbor Disputes, Intra-family disputes, Partnerships

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **PRIVATE MEDIATOR/ARBITRATOR/NEUTRAL, 1982 - present**

Conducted over 900 private mediations and arbitrations. Hired by lawyers, non-lawyers, plaintiffs and defendants, insurance companies, small, medium and large businesses, property owners, tenants, governmental entities. Trained in pre-litigation dispute resolution techniques. Specialization in insurance, business disputes, real estate disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, disputes between neighbors, HOA's, real estate agents or contractors, disputes between parties claiming conflicting interests in real estate, neighbors, inter-family disputes, general tort liability, sales/purchases, estate/probate, will/trust disputes, employment disputes, professional malpractice, medical malpractice. Mediation/problem-solving skills praised by hundreds of lawyers, parties insurance claims adjusters.

### **SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE JUDGE (PRO TEM) SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT, 1983 - present**

Trial Judge/Settlement Conference Judge on over 500 trials/cases. Developed reputation as "efficient and effective" in resolving and adjudicating contentious disputes.

### **THE MEDIATION SOCIETY, MEMBER AND ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2001 - present**

President of The Mediation Society - - Northern California group of distinguished Mediators. Conducted lectures on mediation skills, led numerous mediation training sessions to lawyers/judges/fellow mediators.

### **MEMBER, REAL ESTATE NEUTRALS, 1999 - present**

Member of Bay Area Real Estate Neutrals, a Northern California organization of mediators who handle real estate transaction disputes as Mediators or Arbitrators. Specialty in Non-Disclosure cases.

### **MEMBER, NATIONAL MEDIATION CENTERS, 2003 - present**

Member of nationwide organization of experienced mediators. Serve businesses, corporations, and parties in disputes regarding contracts, employment, divorces or other personal dispute matters.

### **COURT-APPOINTED DISCOVERY MAGISTRATE AND REFEREE, 1999 - present**

Specially Appointed by the San Francisco Superior Court as a Discovery Magistrate and Referee to resolve Discovery disputes between litigants (through their respective attorneys).

### **ARBITRATOR-MEDIATOR PANELIST, KAISER PERMANENTE, 2004 - present**

Specially appointed by California Office of Independent Administration to be an Arbitrator-Mediator for Kaiser Permanente disputes (medical malpractice claims by patients, employment dispute claims by employees, etc.)

### **SENIOR PARTNER, SHEPPARD • UZIEL LAW FIRM, 1979 - present**

Managed thousands of complex litigation cases (for both plaintiffs and defendants). Litigation in all Bay Area Courts. Prosecuted and defended many "seven figure" cases. Extensive Transaction work (business, real estate).

## **EDUCATION**

University of Illinois (Urbana - Champaign) 1971 - 1975, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

University of San Francisco School of Law 1975 - 1978, Juris Doctor Degree