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EDUCATION:

- (1949) B.A., University of California, Los Angeles
- (1952) LL.B., University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) Order of the Coif (graduated fifth in class)

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

- Elected Superior Court Judge of Imperial County (1976) for a six-year term commencing January 1977 and re-elected for an additional two terms, totaling 18 years
- Presiding Judge, 7 years
- Presiding Family Law Calendar, 8 years
- Served on assignment as Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One (summer 1990); authored four published decisions
- Assignment to San Diego Superior Court, Vista Branch (1995) and San Diego Superior Court, San Diego Branch (1996-2001), handling general trial department, including civil and civil jury and non-jury trials. Also assigned civil settlement conferences

LEGAL CAREER:

- (1955-1957) General Civil Law Practice, Los Angeles, California (concentration in tort law)
- (1957-1977) General Civil Law Practice, El Centro, California, including family law, personal injury, commercial and business litigation, administrative law and tax and estate planning
- Represented teachers in administration proceedings involving termination and related labor issues
- (1959-1971) Inheritance Tax Appraiser and Referee
- El Centro Planning Commission member for 12 years (8 years as Chairman)

ADR EXPERIENCE – MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, PRIVATE JUDGING & DISCOVERY:

- Court Appointed Referee in Complex Litigation
- 10 years as a Private Mediator
- 18 years as a Settlement Conference Judge
- Speaker on Mediation at the San Diego North County Bar Association meetings
- Numerous presentations to insurance company adjusters

ADR TRAINING:

- Numerous seminars under CJER relating to settlement conferences and mediation
- Completed a one-week course on Alternative Dispute Resolution at the National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada
- Completed a mediation course at the Straus Institute, Pepperdine School of Law (July 1995)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

General Commercial and Business, Personal Injury, Products Liability, Insurance Coverage, Employment, Government Law, Family Law, Agricultural, Real Estate, Libel and Slander, and Civil Discovery

MILITARY SERVICE:

United States Navy, Active Duty (1953-1955)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:

- Active Member, California Judges Association and Past Member of the Family Law Committee
- Former Member and Past President, Cow County Judges Association (comprised of Superior Court Judges from counties with four or less judges)
- Educational leadership activities: panelist at the judges annual Civil Law and Procedural Institute (1980); seminar leader at various judicial education institutes for several years; and member of the Planning Committee for annual Family Law Institutes

INTERESTS:

Enjoys traveling and reading, and he is an avid fan of college and professional baseball, basketball and football