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Mr. Stevenson has been a trial attorney for 34 years, during which time he has had an extensive successful trial record and has been responsible for the establishment of case law on both the Appellate Court and Supreme Court level for the State of California. Mr. Stevenson has served as an arbitrator for the past 28 years and a mediator for the past 11 years. Throughout his legal career, he has made it his priority to be fully prepared for every trial, arbitration and mediation. His 34 years as a trial attorney has brought him a wealth of knowledge in a variety of fields including, but not limited to, Maritime Matters, Admiralty Law, Construction Defects, Professional Malpractice, Legal Malpractice, Medical Malpractice, Commercial and Business Matters, Contracts, Trademark, Patent, with extensive knowledge of all forms of Personal Injury and Governmental Agency Law. Throughout his career as a trial attorney, Mr. Stevenson has practiced on both sides having tried cases as plaintiff or defense counsel. He has represented various governmental agencies from the U.S. Federal Government down but he has also sued governmental agencies from the Federal Government down to local level entities. Mr. Stevenson has lectured on the subject matter of mediation and the use of mediation in the litigation world and has lectured on a state, as well as national and international level. He is a Fellow with the Center for International Legal Studies and has presented lectures in Salzburg, Austria and Rome, Italy.

EDUCATION:

- (June, 1971) University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, Bachelor of Arts - English
- (June, 1974) Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, California, Juris Doctor

LEGAL CAREER:

- Confidential Mediation & Dispute Resolution (Torrance, 2001 - present)
- Law Offices of Ivan K. Stevenson (Torrance, 1983 - present)
- Benefits Consulting Service/Tayson Insurance Administrators: Partner, Senior Consultant; Third Party Claims Administrator; General Counsel (Irvine, 1983 - 2004)
- Law Offices of Martin and Stamp, APC: Attorney, Partner and Managing Attorney (Long Beach, 1978 - 1983)
- U.S. Naval Training Command: Attorney; Assistant Staff Judge Advocate; Foreign Trial Observer; Foreign Claims Officer (Kenitra, Morocco, 1976 - 1978)

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- Naval Legal Services Offices: Attorney; Assistant Staff Judge Advocate; Claims Officer (Agana, Guam, 1975 - 1976)
- Far East Amateur Athletic Union: General Counsel (Agana, Guam, 1975 - 1976)
- US Naval Justice School: Attorney (Newport, Rhode Island, 1995 - 1975)
- Law Offices of Martin and Stamp: Attorney, Law Clerk - Investigator (Long Beach, 1973 - 1974)

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS:

- (December, 1974) Supreme Court of California
- (December, 1974) U.S. District Court - Central District
- (December, 1974) State Bar of California
- (February, 1975) U.S. Federal Military Courts
- (September, 1976) U.S. Court of Military Appeals
- (September, 1976) U.S. Foreign Trial Observer
- (January, 1978) U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands
- (March, 1981) Supreme Court of the United States
- (December, 2005) Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal

ADR EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Stevenson has mediated over 1000 cases since 1997 and arbitrated over 500 cases since 1980.

MEDIATION PANELS:

- First Resolution Services, Inc.: Mediator (2008 - present)
- Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services: Mediator (2001 - present)
- Los Angeles Superior Court Early Mediation Pilot Program: Panel Mediator (Program terminated by statute) (2001 - 2004)
- Los Angeles County Superior Court - ADR: Mediator (1997 - present)
- Orange County Superior Court - ADR: Mediator (2007 - present)
- U.S. Federal District Court - Central District, Prisoner Mediation: Panel Mediator (2001 - present)
- U.S. Federal District Court - Central District- Civil Mediation: Panel Mediator (2002 - present)
- Court of Appeals - Second Appellate District: Panel Mediator (2005 - present)
- National Arbitration Forum: Mediator (2005 - present)
- California Academy of Neutrals: Mediator (2005 - present)

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ARBITRATION PANELS:

- First Resolution Services, Inc.: Arbitrator (2008 - present)
- Los Angeles County Superior Court Judicial Arbitration Program: Arbitrator (1980 - present)
- American Arbitration Association: Arbitrator (1981 - 1997)
- American Arbitration Association: National Panel Arbitrator (1985 - 1997)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association: Fee Arbitrator (1980 - present)
- Orange County Bar Association: Fee Arbitrator (1981 - 1990)
- State Bar of California: Fee Arbitrator (2001 - present)
- Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services: Arbitrator (2001 - present)
- National Arbitration Forum: Arbitrator (2005 - present)
- California Academy of Neutrals: Arbitrator (2005 - present)

JUDGE PRO TEM, SETTLEMENT OFFICER/SPECIAL MASTER:

- Orange County Superior Court: Settlement Judge Pro Tem (1983 - 2006)
- State Bar of California: Special Master (2001 - present)
- U.S. Federal District Court, Central District: Attorney Settlement Panel (2001 - present)

ADR TRAINING:

- (1975) United States Navy Human Resources Development (40 hours)
- (2000) Mediating: The Litigated Case, Pepperdine University Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (42 hours)
- (2000) University of Guam - INAFA Maolek Conciliation (15 hours)
- (2001) Center for International Legal Studies - International Arbitration and Mediation (16.5 hours)
- (2002) Center for International Legal Studies - International Arbitration and Mediation (16.5 hours)
- (2003) U.S. Central District Court - Straus Institute - Advanced Mediation Training (8 hours)
- (2003) U.S. Central District Court - Straus Institute - Advanced Mediation Training (16 hours)
- (2003) Center for International Legal Studies - International Lawyering (Mediation) (20 hours)
- (2004) U.S. Central District Court - Straus Institute - Advanced Mediation and Cross Cultural Training (16 hours)
- (2004) Center for International Legal Studies - International Arbitration (16 hours)
- (2005) U.S. Central District Court - Straus Institute - Advanced Mediation Training (20 hours)

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- (2005) Center for International Legal Studies - International Arbitration (20 hours)
- (2006) Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District - Advanced Appellate Mediation Training (40 hours)
- (2006) U.S. Central District Court - Straus Institute - Advanced Mediation Training (16 hours)
- (2006) Center for International Legal Studies - International ADR (20 hours)
- (2007) Center for International Legal Studies - International Arbitration and Mediation (8 hours)
- (2007) U.S. Central District Court - Straus Institute - Advanced Mediation Training (13 hours)
- (2007) SCMA Town Hall - Standards of Practice (3.5 hours)
- (2007) Los Angeles Superior Court - Straus Institute - Overcoming Impasse (3.5 hours)
- (2008) OCBA - Trends and Tips in ADR (4 hours)
- (2008) Los Angeles Superior Court - Neutral Orientation (3 hours)
- (2008) U.S. Central District Court - Straus Institute - Advanced Mediation Training (13 hours)
- (2008) Center for International Legal Studies - Symposium on International Arbitration and Mediation (16.2 hours)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Attorney Fee Disputes, Business Litigation, Civil Rights, Commercial, Construction (all aspects including mold and defects) Corporate (all aspects including management, disputes, dissolutions) Employment, ERISA, Homeowners, Insurance (all types), Intellectual Property, Personal Injury, Governmental Matters (all aspects), Maritime/Admiralty, Medical Malpractice, Police Matters (all aspects), Premises Liability, Product Liability (all aspects especially aluminum, metallurgical, auto, plastics and manufacturing of all types) Professional Liability (all aspects), Real Estate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/HONORS:

- Los Angeles County Attorney-Client Relations Committee: Vice-Chairman (1985 - 1992)
- Center of International Legal Studies: Fellow (2002 - present)
- Dispute Resolution Forum: Member (Center for International Legal Studies, 2007 - present)
- California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC): Board of Directors (2008 - present)
- Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA): Board of Directors (2008 - present)
- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
- American Bar Association (ABA) Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC)
- Center for International Legal Studies (CILS)
- Judge Advocates Association (JAA)
- Los Angeles City Fire Department - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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- Los Angeles County Bar Association - Dispute Resolution Section
- Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department - Palos Verdes Peninsula Community Emergency Response Team (PVCERT)
- Navy Memorial Foundation
- Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
- State Bar of California
- Torrance Fire Department - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- UCLA Alumni Association
- United States Naval Institute
- United States Naval Reserves (Inactive Ready Reserve)

MILITARY SERVICES:

- Midshipman (NROTC) UCLA (1967 - 1971)
- Ensign - Unrestricted Line Officer (1971 - 1973)
- Lieutenant JG - Unrestricted Line Officer (1975 - 1976)
- Lieutenant JG - JAG Corps (1976 - 1980)
- Lieutenant - Jag Corps (1980 - 1986)
- Lieutenant Commander (1980 - 1986)
- Judge Advocate General Corps (Reserves)
- United States Naval Reserve - Inactive Ready Reserve (1986 - present)

PUBLICATIONS/RECENT ARTICLES:

- Mediation and Sanctions: Road to Distrust - SCMA News, 2001
- Rebuttal article to "Mediation Confidential" - Los Angeles Lawyer, 2001
- Amicus Curiae in Petition for Review to the California Supreme Court - Rojas v. Superior Court, (2004) 33 Cal.4th 407
- Amicus Curiae to the California Supreme Court - Rojas v. Superior Court, (2004) 33 Cal.4th 407
- The Use of Mediation in Complex Construction Defect Litigation - Center for International Legal Studies - February 2003
- Arbitration - Insuring the Integrity of the Process - Arbitrator/Attorney/Party Control Issues American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section - May 2003
- Confidentiality: Theory or Reality in the Mediation Context - Fellows Convocation - Center for International Legal Studies - May 2004

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- The Assault on Mediation Confidentiality - American Bar Association - Construct Magazine - June 2004
- 2006 - The Year of Mediation Case Law Controversy - Orange County Bar Association - February 2007 - Costa Mesa, CA
- 2008 - Mediation: The Road to Resolution - Center for International Legal Studies - June 2008

PUBLISHED APPELLATE CASES:

- American Home Insurance Company v. Travelers Indemnity Co. (1981) 122 Cal.App.3d 951
- Lupash v. City of Seal Beach, (1999) 75 Cal. App.4th 1428; 89 Cal. Rptr.2d 920
- Foxgate Homeowners' Assoc. v. Bramalea California, Inc., (2001) 26 Cal.4th 1
- Rojas v. Superior Court, (2004) 33 Cal.4th 407
- Wimsatt v. Superior Court (2007) 152 Cal. App.4th 137
- Simmons v. Ghaderi (2008) _____ Cal. 4th _____ (Slip Opinion)

LECTURES:

- Medical Malpractice and the Impact of Drug Interactions - L. A. County Medical Association - 1983 - Los Angeles, CA
- Medical Malpractice and the Surgeon - Metropolitan Hospital - 1984 - Los Angeles, CA
- Current Trends in Tort Liability - American Public Works Association - 1985 - Diamond Bar, CA
- Government Tort Liability - Association of Southern California Municipal Engineers - 1987 - Los Angeles, CA
- Building Better Client Relationships - Los Angeles County Bar Association DRS - 1991 - Los Angeles, CA
- Mediation & Foxgate - The Future of Confidentiality - California State University at Dominguez Hills - 1999 - Dominguez Hills, CA
- Foxgate - What Will the Courts do With it - Beverly Hills Bar Association - 2000 - Beverly Hills, CA
- Mediation & Sanctions - The Creation of Distrust -SCMA - Courts Committee - 2001 - Toluca Lake, CA
- The Judicial System vs. Mediator Confidentiality - Center for International Legal Studies - 2001 - Salzburg, Austria
- Court Use and Abuse of the Mediation Process - Center for International Legal Studies - 2002 - Steamboat Springs, CO
- Use of Mediators in Complex Construction Defect Cases - Center for International Legal Studies - 2003 - Steamboat Springs, CO

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- Arbitration: Theory versus Reality: The Arbitration Hearing - American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section - 2003 - San Francisco, CA
- Rojas v. Superior Court - Moot Court - Argument for the Appellant - SCMA 15th Interactive Conference 2003, Malibu, CA
- Confidentiality: Theory or Reality in the Mediation Context - Fellows Convocation - Center for International Legal Studies - 2004 - Rome, Italy
- Foxgate, Now Rojas: Is Confidentiality Finally Safe? - Orange County Bar Association - 2004 - Tustin, CA
- The Impact of Rojas: Are Mediations Still Viable? - Los Angeles County Bar Association - 2004 - Los Angeles, CA
- Mediation-Arbitration (Med Arb) as an Alternative Dispute Resolution Method - Center for International Legal Studies - 2005 - Steamboat Springs, CO
- Tips and Trends in ADR - MCLE Last Dash - Orange County Bar Association - 2006 - Costa Mesa, CA
- The Use of ADR in Intellectual Property Cases - Center for International Legal Studies - 2006 - Steamboat Springs, CO
- 2006 - The Year of Mediation Case Law Controversy - Orange County Bar Association - 2007 - Costa Mesa, CA
- Mediation & The Law - 2006 - An Overview - Center for International Legal Studies - 2007 - Steamboat Springs, CO
- Preparing A Products Liability Case for a Successful Mediation - Orange County Bar Association - 2007 - Irvine, CA
- Confidentiality - A Sword and A Shield - SCMA 19th Annual Conference - November, 2007 - Malibu, CA
- Trends and Tips in ADR - MCLE Last Dash - Orange County Bar Association - January, 2008 - Costa Mesa, CA
- Mediation - The Road to Resolution - Center for International Legal Studies - June 2008 - Salzburg, Austria

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:

- Attorney at Law - 1974
State Bar of California
- Third Party Administrator - 1984
California Department of Insurance

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor and lecturer in mediation, arbitration and confidentiality aspects of ADR (Center for International Legal Studies, OCBA and LACBA)

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Mr. Stevenson has traveled to six of the seven continents and lived overseas in Guam and Morocco, and spent extended periods in Europe and South America. He is an avid snowboarder. He also looks forward to sailing every chance he gets. He has completed 16 marathons, placed in triathlons and 5Ks. He finds swimming the easiest of all sports and snowboarding the most exhilarating.

AVAILABILITY:

Throughout California