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#### **EDUCATION:**

- (January 1969) J.D., Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio
- (1965) B.A., Parsons College

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS:**

Number 2 Graduate in Class

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

- (December 1972) California
- (May 1969) Ohio

#### **LEGAL CAREER:**

- (1984-1994) Private Practice, specializing in General Civil Litigation
- (1980-1984) General Counsel, Publicly held corporation: American Magnetics Corp.
- (1974-1977) Officer/Assistant Counsel, Real Estate & Escrow, City National Bank

#### **ADR CAREER:**

- (September 1983-Present) Full-time Arbitrator and Mediator
- Panelist, American Arbitration Association
- Mr. Friedman has handled all types of arbitrations, including over fifteen thousand personal injury cases. He has also handled many real estate, business, malpractice (legal, dental, medical), contract disputes, product liability, lemon law, admiralty disputes, and all areas of employment law and police and fire litigation.

#### **ADR CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Fully certified by the Los Angeles Superior Court, all Districts. Also qualified by all Courts in Kern, Orange County and Ventura Counties. This certification is on all panels except family law, by choice.
- Certified by the Pacific Stock Exchange, New York Stock Exchange and The National Association of Security Dealers.

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**JUDGE PRO TEM:**

- (1981-1991) Sat weekly in the Night Small Claims Court for the Los Angeles Municipal Court, Division 65. For over five years, Mr. Friedman was in charge of the Small Claims Master Calendar court room at night, averaging in excess of seventy five matters per session, which had been increased more than two-fold since he became involved with the program.
- (June 1987 - December 1988) Sat on a weekly basis in the Van Nuys Court house in Traffic Infraction Trials, Division 114. Mr. Friedman was the primary replacement assuming no schedule conflicts for the Commissioner in the Traffic Arraignment Court, Division 113.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

Real Estate, Employment, Personal Injury, Business/Commercial, Securities, Construction Defects, Product Liability, Lemon Law, Admiralty, Insurance, Health Care, Legal, Medical and Dental Malpractice, and Intellectual Property

**HONORS/AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:**

- (1997) Alternate Dispute Resolution Recognition, Los Angeles Superior Court  
One of ten honored as a volunteer neutral for 1996
- (1989) Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Municipal Court, Presented for service as a Temporary Judge
- (1989) Director/Co-Founder, Association of Professional Arbitrators
- (1986) Volunteer of the Year, Los Angeles Municipal Court, Presented for outstanding service
- (1982-1990) Chairperson, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Judge Pro Tem Committee

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

(2003-Present) Professor, University of Phoenix, teaching Employment Law, Business Law, and Alternative Resolution Dispute Law to MBA and Masters Candidates

**AVAILABLE:**

Throughout Southern California