

**Patricia D. Barrett, Esq.**

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Ms. Barrett is successful in resolving civil disputes in multiple forums including arbitration, mediation, settlement conferences. She has the ability to listen, build rapport with the parties and counsel, and is persistent in working toward resolution. Ms. Barrett's philosophy is that all civil cases can, should and will settle and she works toward that goal with each new case.

EDUCATION:

- Juris Doctorate, Western State University, College of Law, Fullerton, 1980
- Master of Arts, Pepperdine University, Psychology, 1969
- Bachelor of Arts, Azusa Pacific University, Psychology, 1968

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE:

- Hearing officer in school district disciplinary hearings since 1980.
- Factfinder in matters relating to employment, discrimination and general investigation of employee grievances.
- Member of Judicial Arbitration Panel for San Bernardino Superior Court and Riverside County Superior Court since 1989
- Private mediation, binding and non-binding arbitration in over 300 matters
- Judge Pro Tem with San Bernardino courts conducting mandatory settlement conferences November 2002 to December 2005
- Member of panel for First Resolution Services, Inc.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING:

- Mediation, Factfinding in the Public Sector, Southwest Regional Training Center, Los Angeles
- 30-hour training in Mediation, University of California, Riverside
- 42-hour training, Mediation of Litigated Cases, Straus Institute, Pepperdine University

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

- Employment
- Business
- Insurance coverage and bad faith
- Personal injury
- Uninsured motorist claims
- Property damage
- Real estate transactions
- Commercial transactions
- Probate
- Contract claims
- Legal malpractice

LEGAL CAREER:

- Counsel for school district including labor negotiations, policy writing, consultation on employer-employee relations.
- Private practice since 1982 representing clients in business, employment and estate planning matters.
 - Employment matters including wage/hour, discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful termination, defamation, invasion of privacy, contract disputes, In employment law matters, approximately fifty percent of practice representing plaintiffs (employees) and fifty percent representing defendants (employers). Served as contract counsel for California Department of Corrections, Los Angeles Community College District. Represent private small employers in litigation and transactional employment matters.
 - Business matters including collection matters, organization of small corporations and partnerships, real estate disputes, construction disputes, breach of contract, etc.
 - Estate planning.
 - Civil litigation and appellate practice in both state and federal courts.
- Law professor at Tri-Community Adult School, Court Reporting, two years.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

- Director of Classified Personnel at various school districts in Southern California, 1973 through 1980.
- Personnel consultants for school districts in affirmative action, classification, salary matters, rules and regulations, policies and procedures.
- Director of private educational institution.

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:

Admitted to practice law before all California courts, the Federal District Courts for the Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California and Federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

AVAILABLE:

Throughout Inland Empire