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Arnold R. Levinson Esq. draws on nearly four decades as one of San Francisco's leading trial attorneys to amicably mediate and arbitrate a broad assortment of highly complex cases, often achieving what attorneys have described as "the insurmountable." His approach to resolving disputes emphasizes his extensive preparation and his keen ability to listen to each party.

As a trial lawyer, Mr. Levinson was a strong proponent of settlement, assisting over 1,000 clients in resolving their cases. He started his career working for a large insurance defense firm in San Francisco before launching his own practice in 1979. His firm grew quickly, handling real estate, commercial, insurance, and employment cases as well as a variety of other complex litigation.

In 1992, Mr. Levinson co-founded Pillsbury & Levinson and focused his practice primarily on representing policyholders in disputes against insurance companies. His firm rapidly gained national recognition as one of the nation's top insurance firms. He has broad and extensive trial experience, serving as President of the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association and as a member of the statewide Task Force developing the CACI jury instructions. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Available statewide, Mr. Levinson's reach as a neutral extends far beyond his expertise in insurance coverage and bad faith. He has handled a wide-variety of cases inclusive of complex business/commercial and real estate, employment disputes, and personal injury and medical malpractice claims.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Insurance
 - Bad Faith
 - Coverage
 - ERISA
- Personal Injury
- Legal Malpractice
- Real Estate
- Business / Commercial
- Employment

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2014 – 2016 Full Time Mediator, Levinson Mediation
2013 – Present Settlement Conference Officer, San Francisco Superior Court
1992 – 2014 Founding Partner, Pillsbury & Levinson
1985 – 1989 Judge Pro Tem, San Francisco Superior Court
1982 – 1991 Founding Partner, Giffinger, Levinson, Freed & Heinemann
1979 – 1981 Founding Partner, Gutierrez, Griffinger & Levinson
1975 – 1979 Associate, Petit, Evers & Martin

EDUCATION

2014 Intensive Mediation Training Program, Rosenberg School of Dispute Resolution
1975 J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
1972 B.A., Cum Laude, University of Washington

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Past President, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Past Member, Board of Governors, Consumer Attorneys of California
- Member, Task Force on New Civil Jury Instruction
- Past Chair, Insurance Bad Faith Section, American Association for Justice

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Three time recipient of the Presidential Award of Merit from the Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC).
- Along with his fellow CAOC board members, Mr. Levinson helped draft and was actively involved in passing an amendment to section 437c of California's Code of Civil Procedure regarding summary judgments.
- Frequent guest lecturer on insurance bad faith matters throughout the country. Published numerous articles on insurance related matters in a wide variety of publications.
- Recognized commentator/editor on insurance cases for 25+ years in the Continuing Education of the Bar Civil Litigation Reporter, published by the University of California (1987-2005)
- Trial Lawyer of the Year Nominee, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.