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## **BRIAN McDONALD, ESQ.**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2005 – Present	McDonald & Mannion, San Francisco and Discovery Bay, California
2002 – Present	Mediator, ADR Services, Inc., San Francisco, California
1975 – 2005	Spolter, McDonald & Mannion, San Francisco, California
1991 – 2002	Mediator, American Arbitration Association, San Francisco, California
1996 – 1998	Adjunct Professor, University of San Francisco School of Law
1973 – 1975	Associate, Hoffman Wrixon & Gin (Tax, Probate, Trust, Business & Personal Injury)
1971 – 1972	Deputy Public Defender

### **LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

- Civil trial practice of family law matters and probate matters (including trusts, guardianships, and conservatorships) and trial team management in negligence, personal injury, business and real estate litigation from 1975 to present.
- Experience includes representing corporate and individual clients, both plaintiff and defendants, in partnership, contract, commercial and personal injury actions.
- Criminal experience in felony jury trials, preliminary hearings, and numerous felony and misdemeanor court trials.

### **MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

Successfully mediated more than 800 disputes, with a special emphasis on multi-party and highly emotional mediations. Facilitated settlement in numerous cases involving:

- Estate Planning and Probate Litigation
- Automobile Collisions, Trucks, Bicycle, Motorcycle
- Premises Liability
- Negligent Care, Wrongful Death
- Sexual Abuse
- Real Estate Sales Disputes
- Dissolution of Marriage
- Prenuptial Agreements
- Wrongful Eviction
- Defective Products
- Employment Contract Disputes
- Neighborhood Disputes

## **MEDIATION TRAINING**

- Victims of Violent Crimes (36 hours, 2002)
- PEER Mediation - Conflict Management (24 hours, 2000)
- First District Court of Appeals (20 hours, 2000)
- Academy of Family Mediators (Chicago, 1999)
- REDRESS Training - United States Postal Service (1998)
- Resourceful Mediation - Advanced Mediation Skills (20 hours, 1995)
- Mastering Conflict Resolution (40 hours, 1994)
- Northern California Mediation Center (40 hours, 1992)
- American Arbitration Association (1989)
- Numerous other four to eight hours training programs (1989-2006)

## **MEDIATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Brian has trained hundreds of mediators, both at the trial court level and at the First District Court of Appeals, including several 36 hour trainings.

## **EDUCATION**

- University of Southern California, B.S., 1967 (Finance)
- University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., 1970 (McAuliffe Honor Society; American Jurisprudence Awards in Contracts, Property, Civil Procedure, Taxation, and Tax Seminar; Prentice Hall Award Recipient in Corporation and Estate and Gift Tax)
- Golden Gate University School of Law, 10 units towards Masters in Tax Law, 1988-1989

## **BAR MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- Supreme Court of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Central California Districts
- San Francisco Domestic Relations Court (Settlement Judge Pro-Tem, 1981-2001)
- Founding Member Family Law Panel, AAA Center for Mediation
- Member, Insurance and Commercial Panels, AAA Center for Mediation, 1992 - 2002
- Certified Family Law Specialist, 1981 - present

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Western Trial Lawyers Association
- Association of Certified Family Law Specialists
- San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association
- Martindale Hubbell Rating - "AV"
- Super Lawyer Selection Northern California (2004-2014)