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Justice William D. Stein has been a full time neutral with ADR Services since he retired from the California Court of Appeal in 2008. During the twenty years he served on the Court of Appeal, Justice Stein authored over two hundred published opinions covering virtually every area of the law and served on the Judicial Council's Appellate Rules Committee. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeal, Justice Stein was a trial judge in the civil division of the San Francisco Superior Court for four years and the Presiding Judge of the Appellate Department. He frequently lectures on appellate procedure, effective brief writing and conducts moot arguments for counsel with pending appeals. As a recognized expert on appellate practice and procedure, Justice Stein is one of the most sought after consultants on appellate cases.

During his years on the bench, Justice Stein was involved in nearly every type of civil litigation including: attorney-client fee disputes, business litigation, employment discrimination and "wage & hour" violations, environmental matters, insurance coverage and personal injury cases. Since joining ADR Services, he has served as an appellate consultant, arbitrator, mediator and discovery referee. Justice Stein is well known and respected in the legal community for his fairness and impartiality and has a well earned reputation for a quick grasp of complex matters and strong negotiating skills. His experience brings to settlement even the most sensitive and complex matters.

A native San Franciscan, Justice Stein received his B.A. from San Francisco State University and his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law. After graduation, he joined the California Attorney General's office as an appellate specialist where he briefed and argued cases before the United States Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court and the California Court of Appeal. He was initial Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations' Bureau of Investigations which investigates all work place accidents resulting in the death of an employee.

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

B.A. San Francisco State University, 1962

J.D. Hastings College of the Law, 1965, admitted to the California State Bar 1966.  
Also admitted: United States District Court for the Northern District of California, United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, United States Supreme Court and United States Court of Military Appeals.

2008 Completed the STAR program offered by the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University's School of Law.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Judicial Experience**

1988-2008 Court of Appeal – Appointed by Governor George Deukmejian  
Court of Appeal's Building and Space Committee  
Appellate Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council  
Federal-State Judicial Council, 1990-1995

1985-1988 San Francisco Superior Court, Civil/Criminal Trial Departments  
Judicial Council, Court Management and State Funding of the Trial Courts, 1987

1984-1985 San Francisco Municipal Court, Civil/Criminal Trial Departments

### **Legal & Trial Experience**

1981-1984 Senior and Chief Assistant Attorney General, in charge of San Francisco office and  
Criminal Division

1966-1981 Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Division  
Specialized in criminal appellate cases, constitutional law

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Justice Stein is a fourth generation native San Franciscan, educated in the City's parochial and public schools.

### **Current Memberships**

United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, University of California Alumni Association, San Francisco Opera Association, St. Francis Yacht Club, Olympic Club, Classic Yacht Association, and Sovereign Order of St. John

### **Previous Memberships**

California District Attorneys Association, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, Soaring Society of America, Jaguar Associate Group, United States Power Squadron, California Heritage Council, and Northern California Samoyed Fanciers

### **Boards of Directors**

Clay-Jones Apartments Condominium Association, St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco Girls Choral Association, "Great Hall Project" for Hastings College of the Law, The 1200 California Co-Operative Apartments Corporation