



Ralph A. Lombardi, Esq.
Mediator • Arbitrator



Before joining ADR Services, Inc., Mr. Lombardi spent 46 years as a trial lawyer handling a wide range of civil matters, with particular emphasis in the fields of product liability, insurance coverage and bad faith, personal and catastrophic injury, and medical and legal malpractice. In addition to evaluating and settling, or otherwise disposing of, hundreds of cases prior to trial, he tried to verdict or judgment, or arbitrated to binding results, over 100 cases including catastrophic injury, wrongful death, automobile crashworthiness, design defect, medical and legal negligence, insurance coverage, and insurance bad faith claims. His trial experience resulted in his election to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) as well as to fellowship in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He also served as appellate counsel on numerous matters resulting in published opinions by either the California Courts of Appeal or the California Supreme Court.

Mr. Lombardi's trial practice included substantial litigation for automotive, industrial equipment, and industrial machinery manufacturers, distributors, and retailers; representation of hospitals and healthcare providers in medical malpractice matters; and the handling of a variety of insurance coverage and insurance bad faith claims on behalf of both insurers and insureds. Since 1991, Mr. Lombardi has also devoted considerable time to developing his skills in alternative dispute resolution work, acting as a mediator or arbitrator in numerous disputes, particularly in insurance coverage, professional liability, personal injury/wrongful death, and insurance bad faith matters.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- Insurance Bad Faith
- Insurance Coverage
- Medical Malpractice
- Personal Injury/Catastrophic Injury
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Lombardi Loper & Conant, LLP; Oakland, California
 - Founding Partner, 1999-2018
- Hardin Cook Loper Engel & Bergez, LLP; Oakland, California
 - Partner, 1975-1999
 - Associate, 1972-1974
- First Lieutenant, United States Air Force, 1971-1972
- Hardin Cook Loper & Martin; Oakland, California
 - Associate, 1971

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Mediator and Arbitrator, 1991-Present
 - Frequent mediator and arbitrator of Insurance Coverage, Professional Liability, Personal Injury/Wrongful Death, and Insurance Bad Faith matters.
- Judicial Arbitrator, Alameda County Superior Court, 1980-Present
- Deputy City Attorney, City of Piedmont, 1974-2010

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, 1970
- B.A. in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 1967

BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court Eastern District of California, 2006
- U.S. District Court Central District of California, 1999
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1974
- U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 1971
- U.S. District Court Northern District of California, 1971
- State Bar of California, 1971

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, 1989-Present
 - Northern California Committee Member, 1999-2004
- Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, 2001-Present
- Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2013-Present
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), rank of Advocate, 1985-Present
 - President, San Francisco Chapter, 2002-2003
 - National Board of Directors, 2004-Present
- International Association of Defense Counsel, 1975-2016
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, 2002-2016
- Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California, 1972-Present
 - Director, 1989-1991, 1992-1994

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Selected for listing in *An International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers*, 1st (1997) and 2nd (1999) editions, Law Business Research, London
- Selected for listing in *Northern California Super Lawyers*, 2004-2019
 - *Top 100 Northern California Super Lawyers*, 2006-2011
- Selected for listing in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 2006-2019
- Recipient of American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), San Francisco Chapter, Don E. Bailey Civility and Professionalism Award, 2010
- AV-Rating by Martindale-Hubbell

PUBLICATIONS

- Annual supplement to California Continuing Education of the Bar, California Automobile Insurance Law Guide (1st edition) (1988-2004)
- California Continuing Education of the Bar, California Automobile Insurance Law Guide (2nd edition) (2005)
- Annual supplement to California Continuing Education of the Bar, California Automobile Insurance Law Guide (2nd edition) (2006-2019)