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James F. Pokorny, Esq. is a talented mediator who brings with him a wealth of experience as a civil litigator and San Diego Superior Court mediation panelist. As a mediator, he has successfully resolved disputes involving litigants in a variety of matters, including personal injury, insurance coverage, and business litigation. His mediation experience is enhanced by his depth of experience as an attorney whose forty year practice focused on both plaintiff and defense work in the areas of catastrophic personal injury, insurance litigation, construction litigation, business litigation, and aircraft litigation.

Having participated in scores of mediations, Mr. Pokorny knows that there is no “one size fits all” approach with respect to conflict resolution. People are different; their legal claims are different; and the mediator must take this into account. Mr. Pokorny draws upon his decades of experience and in-depth training to adapt his approach and meet the unique needs of each matter before him.

Mr. Pokorny’s aviation-related matters are enhanced by his comprehensive understanding of aeronautics. He has been an instrument rated, FAA licensed commercial pilot for over thirty years. He has owned several airplanes and has flown over 3,000 hours as pilot in command in various types of single and multi-engine aircraft. He is a Co-Founder of the San Diego County Bar Association’s Aviation Law Section. In addition, he served on the legal services panel of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association for decades and as a member of the Board of Directors and Past President of the Lawyer Pilots Bar Association.

## AREAS OF MEDIATION

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- Personal Injury
- Aviation and Aircraft Litigation
- Business and Commercial Contract
- Insurance Coverage
- Products Liability
- Partnership Dissolution
- Fee Disputes
- Family Law

## EDUCATION

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J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1975

B.A., University of California, San Diego, 1970

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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Law Offices of James F. Pokorny, San Diego, 1977-2017

Significant legal experience in both civil and criminal matters in state and federal courts in California, Nevada, and Iowa. Principal attorney in over one hundred jury trials.

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

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Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law  
“Mediating the Litigated Case” (42 hours of mediation training), 2014

ADR Services, Inc., Mediator, 2018-Present

Pokorny Mediations, Principal Mediator, 2017-2018

San Diego Superior Court, Civil Mediation Panelist, 2017-Present

San Diego County Bar Association, Fee Arbitration Panelist, 2017-Present

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- *Super Lawyer*, consistently named every year since 2010
- Finalist, San Diego County “Top Attorneys”, *The Daily Transcript*, 2009
- Member, United States Registry of Who’s Who Among Outstanding Americans, 1994

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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- Board Member, San Diego Inn of Court, 2000-Present
- President, San Diego Inn of Court, 2010
- President, Lawyer Pilots Bar Association, 1999-2000
- Television Commentator, KUSI Television, 1995-2000
- Presenter, King County Bar Association, Aviation Law Section Seminar, 1998
- Co-Chair, Southwest Regional Aviation and Space Law Symposium
- Radio Commentator, KSDO Radio, 1994
- Author, *The Real Truth About Airplane Litigation*, San Diego Lawyer
- Chair, San Diego County Bar Association Aviation Law Section, 1994
- Co-Founder, San Diego County Bar Association Aviation Law Section, 1988
- Chair, State Bar Law Practice Management Section, 1986
- Judge *Pro Tempore*, San Diego Municipal Court, 1984-1985
- Member, California State Bar, Board of Governors, 1984-1985
- Chair, San Diego County Bar Association, Annual Bar Dinner Committee, 1980-1984
- Board Member, California Young Lawyers Association, 1979-1984