



ROBERT P. HAMILTON, ESQ.

Mediator



Your Partner in Resolution

Robert P. Hamilton, Esq. is a highly accomplished legal professional with a distinguished career as a trial lawyer and a strong reputation as a skilled mediator. With a wealth of experience in the courtroom, Mr. Hamilton has utilized his abilities to facilitate peaceful resolutions and guide parties towards mutually beneficial agreements. He has resolved over 1,000 cases and has been an ADR panelist for the San Mateo and Contra Costa County Superior Courts and is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Bar Association ADR section. He has mediated cases including professional negligence, construction defect, personal injury, elder abuse, and commercial disputes.

As a trial lawyer, Mr. Hamilton gained extensive jury trial experience and tried cases throughout California. He handled professional malpractice claims and construction defect cases and had significant experience in complex multi-party mass disaster losses, as well as environmental and pollution claims. He also handled matters involving personal injury, sexual misconduct, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He enjoys the highest Martindale-Hubbell rating awarded to individual attorneys (AV) and has been selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer.

Mr. Hamilton's extensive experience as a trial lawyer has provided him with a unique perspective in the field of mediation. His ability to grasp complex legal issues and identify potential pitfalls in each case allow him to guide parties through the mediation process with clarity and expertise. He excels in creating a supportive and neutral environment where all parties feel heard and empowered to explore creative solutions.

As a mediator, Mr. Hamilton brings a compassionate and empathetic approach to his work. He understands the emotional dynamics that often accompany legal disputes and strives to build trust and rapport with all parties involved. By fostering open communication and encouraging active listening, Mr. Hamilton helps parties find common ground and develop mutually agreeable solutions that can preserve relationships and minimize the financial and emotional costs associated with litigation.

Mr. Hamilton graduated *magna cum laude* from Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. He received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he received the American Board of Trial Advocates Award for Outstanding Achievement in Trial Advocacy.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Professional Liability, including Dental, Medical and Legal Malpractice
- Personal Injury
- Construction Defect
- Commercial Disputes

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Goodman Neuman Hamilton, LLP Partner and Trial Lawyer

Mr. Hamilton has extensive jury trial experience and has tried cases in San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Santa Clara, Placer, Butte, and Los Angeles Counties. Mr. Hamilton's practice included a variety of litigated matters. He has represented clients in the following areas:

- Representation of builders/developers and subcontractors in construction defect cases.
- Representation of professionals in negligence cases including doctors, dentists, chiropractors, nurses, optometrists, insurance brokers and lawyers.
- Representation of plaintiffs and defendants in personal injury matters, including catastrophic loss cases.
- Representation of retailers in cases involving alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, University of San Diego, School of Law, 1984
- Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Providence College, 1979

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Member, Contra Costa County Bar Association

ADR PANEL MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Hamilton has acted as Special Master in construction defect cases and has been an ADR panelist for the Contra Costa County Superior Court and San Mateo County Superior Court.