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RETIRED APPELLATE COURT JUSTICE J. GARY HASTINGS JOINS ARC'S PANEL

Los Angeles, CA, January 28, 2008 - ARC (Alternative Resolution Centers) is pleased to announce that Justice J. Gary Hastings has joined its panel. Justice Hastings served for 13 years on the California Court of Appeal, Second District. As an ARC neutral, Justice Hastings will arbitrate and mediate all types of civil litigation, including Business/Commercial, Construction Defect, Employment, Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith, and Law and Motion.

Additionally, Justice Hastings will be a member of ARC's Appellate Evaluation and Consultation Program, which provides pre-appellate argument analysis of briefs and oral arguments as well as post-trial dispute resolution. In this capacity, Justice Hastings will be reunited with two of his former colleagues from the appellate court who are also members of ARC's panel: Justice Daniel Curry and Justice Margaret Grignon.

"I am delighted to work with Justice Gary Hastings again," said Justice Grignon. "His addition to ARC will enhance our ability to provide quality appellate services in a private dispute resolution setting."

Justice Curry said he is "thrilled to have the opportunity to once again work with this legal scholar who was my colleague in Division 4 for eight years."

"Since retiring from the Court of Appeal a year and a half ago, I learned that I miss interacting with the many acquaintances I have made over the years in the legal profession," said Justice Hastings. "When Justice Dan Curry told me about his experience working with ARC and the fact that ARC had developed an appellate program, I became interested. Joining ARC will allow me to continue working within the legal community and still enjoy the benefits of retirement."

"Justice Hastings draws high praise in every regard and we are honored to have him on our panel," said ARC President Amy Newman. "He is extremely likable, has an extensive knowledge of the law and is known for making sound decisions. The fact that he served on the Court of Appeal with Justice Curry and Justice Grignon should make them a very effective private appellate dispute resolution team."

Justice Hastings served as an Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 4, from September 1993 to February 2006 and continued to serve on assignment through August 2006. He sat on the Los Angeles County Superior Court from 1985 until his appointment to the appellate bench. On the Superior Court, he handled civil and criminal trials, family law matters, a probate calendar, law and motion calendars, and a civil master calendar. He was Supervising Judge of the Southwest branch from 1989-1990.

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Justice Hastings began his legal career as an associate and later a shareholder at the law firm of Belcher, Henzie & Biegenzahn from 1972-1985. He focused on civil matters including product liability, bad faith/insurance coverage and medical malpractice, family law and probate.

Justice Hastings is currently an Adjunct Professor of law at Southwestern Law School, where he teaches Trial Advocacy. From 1973-1977, he taught classes on Legal Research and Writing and Civil Law and Procedure. He has been a faculty member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Southern California Regional Program, since 1994 and is a frequent lecturer for bar associations and other organizations.

Justice Hastings is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Adjunct Professor "Excellence in Teaching Award," 2007, from Southwestern Law School; the Roger J. Traynor Memorial Award for "Appellate Justice of the Year," 2004, from the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles; the William B. Enright Ethics and Civility Award, 2001, from the California Council of the American Inns of Court; the Honorable William E. MacFadden Award "For Dedicated Service to the Bench and Bar," 1999, from the South Bay Bar Association; and the Alfred J. McCourtney Memorial Award for "Trial Judge of the Year," 1993, from the Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association.

ARC recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, making it one of the longest standing businesses in the field of dispute resolution. The reputation and industry experience of ARC's distinguished panel has contributed to our success and longevity in a very competitive marketplace. Our panel of federal and state retired justices and judges and attorney neutrals includes five of the *Daily Journal's* "Top 40 Neutrals" in California.

ARC has handled tens of thousands of cases for top law firms, major insurance companies, Fortune 500 companies and public entities. Our 20 years of providing assistance to our clients has resulted in many successful resolutions and satisfied litigants. ARC has two Los Angeles locations, Century City and Downtown, and provides services throughout the United States. In addition to excellent customer service and sophisticated case management services, ARC offers customized programs featuring panelists with subject-specific expertise in complex commercial litigation, corporate law, entertainment, employment, health care, construction defect, personal injury, intellectual property and other areas. For more information, please call 310-284-8224 or 1-800-347-4512 or visit ARC's website at www.arc4adr.com to view panelist profiles.
