



NICHOLAS DEWITT, ESQ.

Mediator/Arbitrator

A well-known commercial litigator for the past 25 years and a disability rights activist, Nicholas DeWitt brings considerable expertise and insight to ARC. Mr. DeWitt is a firm believer in the use of alternative dispute resolution and has served as a neutral since 2003. He has developed a successful mediation and arbitration practice focused on complex business, employment and product liability cases. Mr. DeWitt serves as a mediator, arbitrator, special master, discovery referee and neutral fact finder.

PRACTICE AREAS

Complex business litigation, including employment, commercial, real estate, unfair competition and trade secrets; disability rights litigation; product liability; environmental; and toxic torts.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Mr. DeWitt has 25 years of experience representing corporations and individuals in federal and state courts in cases involving products liability, toxic torts, real estate, environmental, shareholder and employment disputes, and general commercial litigation.

Mr. DeWitt is currently a founding partner of the law firm of DeWitt, Denney & Painter LLP and was previously a founding partner of DeWitt & Roberts LLP. From 1984 to 1998, he was a partner at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, where he held numerous management positions, including Vice-Chair of the Litigation Department. Mr. DeWitt also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles from 1980-1984 and was responsible for the prosecution of wire fraud, mail fraud, and criminal tax cases.

Mr. DeWitt is also widely recognized for his longtime leadership of the Western Law Center for Disability Rights, where he was instrumental in the fight to keep Rancho Los Amigos Hospital open, and for his work with other public interest groups, including Wheels for Humanity and Protection & Advocacy, Inc.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Member: American Bar Assn., California Bar Assn., Los Angeles County Bar Assn., Federal Bar Assn.
- Member of Board of Directors and past president, Western Law Center for Disability Rights
- Chairman, Advisory Council, Wheels For Humanity
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Loyola Law School
- Lecturer on mediation at law schools, bar associations and other organizations
- Speaker at Los Angeles Unified School District and UCLA on rights and opportunities for disabled students

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- J.D., 1979, Loyola Law School, *cum laude*; *Note and Comment* Editor; *Loyola Law Review*; Alpha Sigma Nu and St. Thomas More honor societies
- B.S., Marketing 1972, Indiana University

Mr. DeWitt is available throughout California and in Hawaii.



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