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James Curry, Esq.

Mediator & Arbitrator

Mr. Curry has served as a full-time neutral for nearly a decade. He has acted as a mediator or arbitrator in over 1,000 cases since 1983 and participated as an advocate in several hundred mediations. An experienced litigator with more than 35 years of trial experience, he was voted one of the San Fernando Valley's top 25 lawyers for both his litigation and mediation skills by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*. Mr. Curry specializes in last-minute mediations, which can allow parties to avoid costly discovery, expert witnesses and other litigation expenses.

Practice Areas

Personal Injury, Premises Liability, Products Liability, Bad Faith, Medical Malpractice, Business & Employment

Conflict Resolution Experience

Mr. Curry has handled more than 20 jury trials and 500 arbitrations to verdict. He was Supervising Attorney at Early Maslach & O'Shea (2009-2012) and Managing Attorney and senior trial attorney at Bollington Stiliz Bloeser & Curry (1977-2009).

Mr. Curry ran a statewide legal department for over 20 years. He has taught, mentored and counseled over 100 attorneys in his career. In this role, he was responsible for thousands of cases which he supervised and evaluated. He is also experienced in pre-litigation and multiple case mediations.

During his tenure as a managing attorney, he addressed many business and employment-related issues and was also responsible for creating and administering a \$13-million operating budget.

An active judge pro tem, Mr. Curry has participated as a settlement officer in the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's VAST program as well as panels for Ventura and Santa Monica. He has been on the mediation panel of the Los Angeles Superior Court for over 20 years.

Organizations & Achievements

- Member, San Fernando Valley Bar Association; longterm member, Bench/Bar Committee; former member of the Board of Trustees

Education & Training

- Graduate, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law.
- J.D., Ohio State University
- B.S., Miami University (Ohio), *cum laude*

Mr. Curry is available throughout California.