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**EDUCATION**

- 2023 **Harvard Law School**, Program on Negotiation, Negotiation Master Class.
- 2014 **Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law**, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Mediating the Litigated Case.
- 1988 - 1990 **University of Southern California Gould School of Law**, Juris Doctor.  
*Order of the Coif*; AmJur Awards for the highest grades in Commercial Law, Agency Law and Administrative Law.
- 1986 - 1987 **George Washington University Law School**. Honors, Legal Research & Writing.
- 1980 - 1984 **Claremont McKenna College**, Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Political Science.  
Philosophy Department Award; Editor, *The Claremont Journal of Philosophy*.

**ADR EXPERIENCE**

- 2023-Present **American Arbitration Association**, *Panel Arbitrator and Mediator*.  
Commercial, Healthcare and Consumer Panels.
- 2023-Present **Burgess Dispute Solutions, LLC**, *arbitrator and mediator*.
- 2021-Present **U.S. District Court, Central District Mediation Panel**, *panel mediator*. Handles mediations, including ADA, TCPA, breach of contract and insurance disputes.
- 2009-Present **Los Angeles Superior Court**, *volunteer mediator*. Handles mediations assigned by ADR staff (2009-13), and Resolve Law LA for the LASC PI Hub (2021-present).

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2023-Present **Burgess Law Corporation**, *President*.
- 2021-Present **Los Angeles Superior Court**, Temporary Judge.
- 1995 – 2023 **Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP**, *Partner; Associate (2/95-3/99), Special Counsel (2023)*. Represented clients in healthcare, entertainment, insurance, manufacturing, distribution, retail, real estate, finance, and technology. Trial counsel in successful jury and bench trials, arbitrations and mediations, involving, among other things, a \$2 billion insurance class action, a retail sales tax class action, wrongful cancellation, fraudulent conveyance, beverage distributor termination, hotel development, IPA ownership, idea submission, virtual camera trade secret, trademark, copyright, and medical equipment manufacturing.

- 1990 - 1995 **Graham & James**, *Associate*.  
Trial counsel in arbitrations, handled dispositive motions and negotiated settlements for predominantly international clients from Japan and Korea.
- 1987 - 1988 **Pettit & Martin**, *Legislative Assistant/Law Clerk*.  
Advocacy concerning tariffs, trade restrictions and product regulation for international clients.

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- Admitted in the State of California (Bar No. 151018); District of Columbia (Bar No. 1739605); United States Supreme Court (Bar No. 314561); United States Courts of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and District of Columbia Circuit (Bar No. 63043); and United States District Courts for the Central, Northern, Eastern and Southern Districts of California and District of Columbia (Bar No. CA00100).
- Admitted *pro hac vice* in the State of Delaware (Court of Chancery), the State of Washington, and the United States District Courts for the District of Nevada, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Southern District of Texas.

#### Memberships:

- **Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles**, *Board Member* (2013-2022), *President* (2018-2020);
- **CMC Gould Center for Humanistic Studies**, *Advisory Board Member* (2019-2024);
- **Association of Business Trial Lawyers**, *Board Member* (2009-2013);
- **Marymount High School, Los Angeles**, *Board Member* (2010-2019);
- **Los Angeles County Bar Association**, *Member*;
- **American Bar Association**, *Member*, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Sections.

#### Awards:

- *Wiley W. Manual Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services* by the State Bar (2010);
- *Southern California Super Lawyer* (2012-present);
- *AV Rated* by Martindale-Hubbell (2005-present);
- *Father Pat Traynor Award* by St. James Inn (2015)(outstanding community service);
- *Scott and Jean Adam Light of Christ Award* by Catholic Charities of Los Angeles (2011)(outstanding parish and community service).