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MEDIATOR/ARBITRATOR**

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Elizabeth A. Tippin has extensive experience as a mediator, arbitrator and administrative law judge specialized in resolution of complex multi-party commercial, construction, and agency disputes. Ms. Tippin began working as a civil litigator in 1984 and began providing ADR services in 1990 as a member of the panel of neutrals with United States Arbitration & Mediation, Inc. She was an Administrative Law Judge for the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings for five years. She is currently a member of the following ADR Panels: American Arbitration Association Construction and Commercial Panels, United States Bankruptcy Court; California Court of Appeals; Contractors State Licensing Board; Caltrans Dispute Review Board, and several panels with the Bar Association of San Francisco and Bay Area Superior Courts. Ms. Tippin has provided legal representation to architecture, engineering and related design professional firms, contractors and owners for over 25 years, including preparation and negotiation of domestic and transnational contracts; risk management consultation; general counsel business representation and advice, and representation in mediation, arbitration and litigation of claims.

CONSTRUCTION CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERTISE

Resolved hundreds of disputes involving design error and omission, construction defect, delay and acceleration claims, change order evaluation, standard of care, standard in the industry, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, fee disputes, construction site accidents and wrongful death claims, environmental site assessment, hazardous waste, mold, contamination, floods, landslides, land use issues, planning department discretionary review hearings, and insurance coverage disputes. Representative projects include infrastructure, wind power projects, sewage treatment plants, tunneling and micro-tunneling pipe projects, highway construction, commercial buildings, jails, fire stations, airports, schools, convention centers, banks, theaters, hotels, residential and mixed-use commercial/residential projects.

WORK HISTORY

- 1997- Present, Principal, Law & Mediation Offices of Elizabeth A. Tippin
- 2001-2005, Administrative Law Judge, contract, California Office of Administrative Hearings
- 1990-1997, Litigator/Mediator/Arbitrator, Pandell Novich & Borsuk
- 1984-1990, Litigator, Lynch Loofbourrow Helmenstine Gilardi & Grummer

EDUCATION

- J.D., 1983, Golden Gate University, School of Law, Clerked for the California Court of Appeals
- B.F.A., 1975, Arizona State University

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION RELATED TRAINING

AAA Neutrals Conference 2012
BASF ADA Compliance for Small Businesses 2011
Caltrans Dispute Review Board Training 2010
AAA Fundamentals and Best Practices 2010
Caltrans Dispute Review Board Training 2009
AAA Expedited Commercial Panel Arbitrator Training 2008
National Arbitration Forum, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2007
Contractors State Licensing Board, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2007
Partnership, Reference, and DRB's, State Bar Annual Meeting 2006
BASF, Advanced Mediator Training 2006
National Arbitration Forum, Construction Panel Training 2005
Contractors State Licensing Board, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2004
California First District Court of Appeal Advanced Mediator Training 2003
Special Mastering Construction Disputes, Bruce Edwards, Executive Vice President, JAMS, 2003
Contractors State Licensing Board Arbitrator Training 2003
California Office of Administrative Hearings Administrative Law Judge Training 2000-2005
California First District Court of Appeal Mediator Training 2000
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Mediator Training 1998
Center for Mediation in Law Mediator Training 1996
AAA Mediator Training 1996
State Bar Attorney Client Fee Dispute Arbitrator Training 1995
ABA Forum on the Construction Industry 1993
California Community Dispute Services Mediation/Arbitration Training 1992
Bar Association of San Francisco, Advance Mediator Training 1991
United States Arbitration and Mediation Neutrals Training 1990
Lecturer and participant at hundreds of other ADR trainings.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

State Bar of California (admitted 1984)
Bar of the U.S District Court, Northern (admitted 1984), Eastern District (admitted 1986), and Southern District (admitted 1992)
Bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (admitted 1984)
U.S. Green Building Council, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Provider (LEED AP) 1990

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of California, Member, Appointed Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
The Mediation Society, Founding Member, Former President of the Board of Directors
Bar Association of San Francisco, Former Chair of the Arbitration Committee
Dispute Review Board Foundation, Member
American Institute of Architects, Allied Member
American Bar Association, Member, Dispute Resolution Committee and Construction Law Forum

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING

Adjunct Professor, Architecture Department, Academy of Art University, San Francisco 2003-present;
Lecturer, Architecture Department, University of California, Berkeley, 2007-2008;
Speaker "Mastering Technical Issues in Real Property ADR Cases," The Mediation Society, 2006;
Speaker, "Getting to Yes-Using ADR Effectively in Employment Cases," Bar Association of San Francisco, 2004; Speaker, "Zen and the Art of Mediator Selection," California State Bar Annual Meeting, 2005;
Publication, "Negotiating at the Mediation Table: Nine Steps to Achieving a Better Outcome," Architecture & Engineering Negotiating Strategies, 2003;
Faculty, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Mock Mediation Training Program 2000-2002;
Speaker, "Negotiating Fee Disputes in the Bankruptcy Era," American Institute of Architects, 2002;
Faculty, University of San Francisco, Intensive Advocacy Trial Program, 2001;
Speaker, "Mediation Tips and Strategies," American Institute of Architects, 2001;
Publication, "The Paradigm Shift in Conflict Resolution Methodology," 2001;
Speaker, "Race, Gender, and Culture in ADR", California State Bar, Annual Meeting, 2000;
Speaker, "Mastering Stellar Negotiations Skills I, II and III,," Queens Bench Bar Association, 1999-2000;
Speaker, "Conflict Resolution Strategies," American Institute of Architects, 1999;
Speaker, "Mediating Criminal Cases," Stanford Law School, 1999;
Speaker, "Mediating Multi-Party Disputes," Golden Gate University, 1998;
Speaker, "Developing a Mediation Practice," San Francisco Barristers Club, 1998;
Speaker, "Using Mediation to Resolve Fee Disputes," American Institute of Architects, 1998;
Faculty, "Conflict Resolution and Personality Type," Bar Association of San Francisco, 1998;
Publication, "Mediation isn't as easy as clicking your heels, but it can be a magical way to resolve disputes," Common Ground Magazine, 1997.