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Career Summary

1970 - Present	Cherry Law Offices. Lawyer, Mediator, Coach
1982 - 1984	Sutro and Company, Kidder Peabody. Investment Advisor
1972 - 1980	California Public Utilities Commission. Principal Counsel Chief Advisor to Commissioner Ross
1967 - 1969	Center on Administration of Criminal Justices. U.C. Davis Assistant to Executive Director Floyd Feeney

Education

1969	University of California at Davis School of Law. J.D.
1966	University of California at Berkeley School of Business Administration. B.S.

Mediation and Litigation Summarized Experience

Extensive experience in mediating and resolving disputes as an advocate and mediator. • Certified Mediator • Certified Peace Ambassador • Managed an active civil litigation practice in both Federal and State Courts, representing both plaintiffs and defendants • AV Preeminent Lawyer, rated by Martindale-Hubbell for the past 23 years.

- Over 30 year's expertise in construction defects and real estate litigation and business dispute resolution.
- Lead counsel in numerous multi-million dollar complex litigation matters concerning construction defects.
- Grew a private mediation practice by producing superior results at less cost to clients.
- Studied and trained several hundred hours focusing on mediation, negotiation, arbitration and settlement skills.
- Member, California State Bar Association; Tuolumne County Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation DRA/DRB trained; Member of Caltrans DRB Panel; Panel of Mediators, Tuolumne County Superior Court and San Joaquin County Superior court.

Leadership and Management Summarized Experience

Created CPUC's Department of Conservation. Recruited and staffed the department with high quality executives. Provided supervisory and fiscal management to the Department •

Created Life Line Rates for electric and natural gas residential consumers of regulated California Public Utilities. Engaged and unified various stake holders including consumers, environmental groups, labor, church groups, political groups and parties. • Assisted

implementation of Life-Line Rates through both legislation and regulation, saving residential consumers millions of dollars and restructuring rates to encourage conservation. • Created a program to insulate every possible residential structure served by regulated public utilities; at no net cost to the public, while conserving energy and saving millions of ratepayer dollars. • Developed collaborative approach to productively achieve clients' objectives in complex litigation matters.

Public Relations Summarized Experience

Accomplished public speaker with proven track record • Multiple speaking engagements in front of public, private and government bodies • Drafted and helped to enact and implement statutes and regulations • Appeared as Key Spokesperson in print, radio and television.

Construction Management Summarized Experience

Represented owners, developers, contractors, sub-contractors and others in all phases of commercial and residential development projects, from planning to litigation • Developer of multiple real estate projects • Implemented and taught preventive legal actions and strategies to Construction Project Managers • ADR Services

Volunteer and Civic Engagement Summarized Experience

Volunteered in leadership capacity for more than 40 years in wide range of Community Based Organizations • Assisted the following partial list of civic organization in achieving their unique philanthropic goals: Sonora Sunrise Rotary, Rotary International District 5220, Tuolumne County Suicide Prevention Taskforce, Stage 3 Theatre Company, Fundamentals of Sports, California Youth Soccer League, Yosemite Community College District's Measure E-Citizens' Bond oversight Committee, Central Sierra Arts Council and Sonora Art Trails.