Judicial Dispute Resolution

Current Employment

Judicial Dispute Resolution LLC, Seattle, WA: Arbitrator, Mediator, Special Master

Work History

Judicial Dispute Resolution, 2017 - present; Judge, King County Superior Court, 2007 - 2016; litigator in private practice, 1982-2007; trial attorney, Alaska Public Defender Agency 1979-1982; law clerk, Hon. James Fitzgerald, United States District Court, Anchorage, Alaska 1977-1978.

Judicial and Litigation Experience

Over thirty years of experience as a Superior Court judge and litigator. As a judge, presided over a wide variety of criminal and civil cases involving, business valuation, business formation/dissolution, partnerships, breach of fiduciary duty, eminent domain, real estate, actions to compel/enforce/vacate arbitration awards, fraud/misrepresentation, adverse possession, environmental, legal malpractice, medical malpractice, constitutional, employment, construction defects, property foreclosure, land use, condominium, trusts and estates, torts (including defamation, wrongful death, Jones Act, asbestos, sexual abuse).

As a settlement judge, helped parties to resolve cases prior to trial.

As an attorney, represented individuals, companies, educational institutions, and public sector entities.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Arbitrator and mediator in the following types of cases: breach of contract, covenant of good faith and fair dealing, insurance bad faith, insurance coverage, real estate, boundary encroachment, timber trespass, adverse possession, eminent domain, condominium disputes, construction defects, commercial disputes, business dissolutions, partnership disputes, family dissolutions, franchise disputes, employment, Taft Hartley trusts, excessive force claims against law enforcement, intentional torts, sexual abuse, negligence, personal injury, Jones Act, asbestos, wrongful death, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, catastrophic wildfires, defamation, trusts and estates, environmental, public school discipline involving students and staff.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

- Impartiality: Do you know Where Your Biases Are? 2021
- Cyber Security: A Shared Responsibility, 2020
- Arbitrator Performance and Demeanor: Meeting Participant Expectations, 2018
- AAA Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for New AAA Arbitrators, 2017
- Arbitration Awards Safeguarding, Deciding and Writing Awards, 2017
- Pepperdine University, Advanced Mediation Training, 2017
- Pepperdine University, Mediating the Litigated Case, 2016

Professional Licenses

Admitted to Bar: Washington, 1982 (active), California 1978 (inactive), Alaska 1978 (inactive)

Community Activities

- Hearing Officer, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Washington Bar Association, 2020-current
- Literacy Source: Tutoring jail inmates preparing for their GED exam, 2019-current
- Member, Washington Supreme Court Pattern Jury Instruction (WPI) Committee 2014 – 2017
- Faculty, Washington Judicial College, 2015-2017, taught courses on discovery issues to new judges
- Chair, Seattle Ethics and Election Commission, 2005-2007

Education

UC Berkeley Law School (formerly Boalt Hall), J.D. Stanford University, B.A. with distinction