

JAMES (JJ) JOHNSTON

State Bar No. 125287

Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

JOHNSTON MEDIATION

California – Statewide Practice

November 2002 – Present

Practice is devoted to mediating employment disputes, including wage and hour class actions, PAGA, wrongful termination, harassment, retaliation, whistleblower claims, Fair Pay Act claims, prevailing wage claims and more. Part-time mediator from 2002 to 2017. Full-time mediator from 2017 to the present.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT – CENTRAL DISTRICT ADR PANEL

August 2006 – 2019

Mediated employment law and ADR disability access cases for this panel.

4TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL MEDIATION PANEL

March 2005-2019

Mediated a variety of types of cases for this panel, including employment law and personal injury cases.

RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT MEDIATION PANEL/RIVERSIDE COUNTY BAR ASSN. ADR PANEL

June 2002 – March 2005

Mediated a wide range of cases for these panels, including employment law, personal injury, insurance bad faith, and medical malpractice cases, and more.

ADR ORGANIZATIONS

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDIATORS

Distinguished Fellow. Membership in the International Academy of Mediators is by invitation only, and is limited to professional commercial mediators who are well-established and recognized in their local or regional community as leading mediators in the field. IAM is widely regarded as the world's most prestigious organization for commercial mediators, with a notably selective membership process.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED NEUTRALS

Academy Member. The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals is a professional association whose membership consists of ADR professionals in the United States. Members are among the most in-demand neutrals in their respective states, as selected by their peers and approved by local litigators. Membership is by invitation only and all Academy members have been thoroughly reviewed and found to meet stringent practice criteria.

MEDIATION TRAINING (HIGHLIGHTS)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Program of Instruction for Lawyers –
Negotiation Workshop
June 13-24, 2005
35-Hour Mediation Training

STRAUS INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

April - June 2002
42-Hour Mediation Training

LAW FIRM EXPERIENCE

JOHNSTON LAW FIRM

Los Angeles and Riverside, California
July 2002 – August 2017
Practice was devoted entirely to handling employment law cases.

JOHNSTON & SCHWARTZ

Riverside, California

November 1989 – July 2002

Founding Partner. Practice initially consisted of criminal defense and personal injury. From 1996 forward, practice was primarily devoted to handling employment law cases.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Riverside, California

February 1989 – November 1989

Deputy Public Defender.

LEA, BALAVAGE & ARRUTI

Sacramento, California

July 1987 – February 1989

Associate attorney in Insurance Defense firm.

BENNETT, SAMUELSEN, REYNOLDS & ALLARD

Oakland, California

January 1987 – July 1987

Associate attorney in Insurance Defense Firm.

EDUCATION

MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

University of the Pacific

Sacramento, California

Juris Doctor, 1986

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara, B.A. Sociology – 1976

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR

December 1986

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

December 1986

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

June 1990.

**UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT,
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
March 1992

**UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT,
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**
August 2007