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PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Admitted to the State Bar of California, and thus entitled to practice before all California state courts; also admitted to all U.S. District Courts in California, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court; California State Bar No. 053322.

WORK HISTORY	1972-77 Associate	Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker; Los Angeles/Newport Beach. (From 1975-77 I was also Legal Adviser to the Pasadena Unified School District.)
	1977-84 Associate/Partner	Cohen & Ziskin; Los Angeles/Newport Beach.
	1984-85 Partner	Crowe, Collisson & Kaplan; Newport Beach.
	1985-92 Partner	Collisson & Kaplan; Newport Beach/Irvine.
	1992-95 Partner	Pettit & Martin; Newport Beach.
	1995-present	Sole Practitioner as Attorney & Arbitrator/Mediator, in Orange County, California.

EXPERIENCE

Rated: *AV*, by Martindale Hubbell. I have over 40 years as a civil litigator in state and federal courts, including commercial, financial institution, insurance (including title, D&O, liability, and casualty insurance, and fidelity bonds), civil rights, securities, class actions, environmental, and real estate/construction and medical & legal malpractice matters. By my estimate, I have participated in more than 150 civil trials and arbitrations. I have tried cases to judgment in the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of California, and the California Superior Courts for Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, and have handled appeals in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and in several of the California Courts of Appeal, and have successfully handled two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

B.A., Economics (1966), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
J.D. (1972), Vanderbilt Law School. (Administrative Editor, Vanderbilt Law Review).

Since 1973, I have participated as an instructor in various educational programs for attorney and arbitrators, sponsored by the American Arbitration Association, California Continuing Education of the Bar, The Rutter Group, and Glendale Univ. School of Law. The topics have generally included business litigation, arbitration, or banking law.

MILITARY SERVICE

1966-69, U.S. Army. (Rank of First Lieutenant upon discharge; overseas service as Military Intelligence Special Agent and intelligence unit Executive Officer in the Republic of Korea following North Korean capture of USS Pueblo.)

MARITAL STATUS

Married to Patricia Collisson since 1972; two (now adult) children.

CIVIC

Member, 1992-2012, Member, Board of Directors, Emerald Bay Service District (public agency charged with operation of various governmental services (including water & sewer) within private residential community in Laguna Beach).

Member, 1987-90, Emerald Bay Community Association (500+ family private community in Laguna Beach, CA) Board of Directors; President, 1989-90; Member, Emerald Bay Service District (public agency) Board of Directors, 1993-2010.

Participant, cast member for seven years, Laguna Beach *Pageant of the Masters*.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Member, State Bar of California, and Los Angeles & Orange County Bar Associations.

Former Chairman, Los Angeles County Bar Association Federal Court Committee and Federal Court Committee of the State Bar of California. Delegate, California State Bar Convention, 1981-84 (dates approximate) Instructor, various CEB courses on Arbitration, Unfair Competition, and Litigation.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of the Board of Directors, American Arbitration Association, 1994 - 2007. I have acted as both a neutral and party-appointed arbitrator in well over 200 arbitrations during the last 30+ years, and have taught law school, AAA, CEB, and Rutter Group courses in various aspects of arbitration and mediation for lawyers and arbitrators/mediators.

ADR Background:

1. Arbitrator in Construction, Commercial, and International cases administered by the AAA since 1974. I have served as the arbitrator in more than 300 cases.
2. Adjunct Professor, USC Gould School of Law (course in ADR Ethics); Instructor, Glendale University School of Law (course of Arbitration).
3. Panelist/Instructor:
 - A. CEB courses on arbitration.
 - B. The Rutter Group (course on nonjudicial Arbitration).
 - C. Numerous AAA courses to train construction and commercial arbitrators.
 - D. College of Commercial Arbitrators instructional programs.
4. Arbitrator in legal fee dispute cases for the Los Angeles and Orange County Bar Associations.
5. Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators, 2014 to present.
6. Member, Board of Directors, AAA (1994 to 2007).
7. Mediator (AAA and independent) for commercial and construction cases.