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Curriculum Vitae

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EXPERIENCE: **MEHTA & MANN/MEDIATION OFFICES OF STEVEN G. MEHTA**

Partner
Century City & Valencia, California
January 2002 through present

McNICHOLAS & McNICHOLAS, LLP
Senior Associate

Los Angeles, California
September 1999 through January 2002

KUSSMAN & WHITEHILL
Associate

Los Angeles, California
September, 1994 through September, 1999

RUSHFELDT, SHELLEY & DRAKE
Associate

April, 1994 through September, 1994

ADAMS, DUQUE & HAZELTINE
Associate

August, 1992 through April, 1994

EDUCATION: **UNIVERSITY OF PACIFIC, McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW**
Juris Doctor 1992

**Order of the Coif* (top 10% of graduating class)
**Dean's List*

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communication, 1989

**Magna Cum Laude*
**Dean's List* (8 semesters)

ADMITTED: California State Bar -- December 1992
California State Trial and Appellate Courts
United States District Court - Central District of California
United States District Court – Eastern District of California
United States Court of Appeals -- Ninth Circuit

ORGANIZATIONS:

Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
Consumer Attorneys of California
American Inns of Court, George McBurney Inn of Court
Beverly Hills Bar Association
Los Angeles County Bar Association
San Fernando Valley Bar Association (1992-1994, 2004-2005)
California State Bar Association, Small Firm and Solo
Practitioner Section
Professional Networking Group
Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce
American Bar Association
Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association
Southern California Mediation Association

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Asst. Professor, California State University, Northridge,
Department of Speech Communications
Professor, Los Angeles Valley College
Paralegal Training Program

APPOINTMENTS/COMMITTEES

President, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Barristers (past)
Education Committee, Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles
Internet Committee, San Fernando Valley Bar Association (past)
Co-Chair Networking Committee, Beverly Hills Bar
Association, 2000
Resolutions and Legislative Committee, Beverly Hills Bar
Association

Co-Chair, Small Firm and Technology Section, Beverly Hills
Bar Association, 2001
Minorities in the Practice of Law Committee, Los Angeles County
Bar Association, 1993
Executive Committee, Small Firm and Solo Practitioner
Section, California State Bar Association
Chair, Small Firm and Solo Practitioner Section, California State
Bar Association
Newsletter Committee, Professional Networking Group
Treasurer, American Inns of Court, George McBurney Inn of
Court, 2000
Membership Chair, American Inns of Court, George McBurney
Inn of Court, 2001
Co-Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, San Fernando
Valley Bar Association
California State Bar, Taskforce on Disclosure of Malpractice
Insurance

AWARDS

Lawyer of the Year, The State Bar of California, Solo and Small
Firm Section, 2004
SuperLawyer – Mediator, SuperLawyer Magazine, published by
Los Angeles Magazine, February, 2005.

SERVICE

Mediator, Los Angeles County Superior Courts
Arbitrator, Los Angeles County Superior Courts
Community Outreach Program, George McBurney Inn of Court
Board Member, WISE Senior Services
Judge Pro Tem, Los Angeles Superior Court

PUBLISHED DECISIONS:

Fraker v. Sentry Life Insurance Co.,
19 Cal.App.4th 276 (1993)

Kibbee v. Blue Ridge Ins. Co.,
69 Cal.App.4th 53, 81 Cal.Rptr.2d 294 (1999)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

PACIFIC LEGAL INSTITUTE, January, 1997

Spoliation of Evidence

Insurance Practices

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., January, 2000
"Elder Abuse Litigation"

CAALA 18th Annual Convention - 2000
"Demystifying Medical Records"

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, October, 2000
"How To Negotiate Effectively in Mediation"

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., January, 2001
"Nursing Home Litigation"

JUDICATE WEST, INC. April, 2001
"Mediation In Elder Abuse Litigation"

CAALA, April, 2001
"Tort Litigation Practice and Procedure For the Staff-At-Law"

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, September, 2001
"Tips and Traps in Elder Abuse Litigation"

CAALA, 19th Annual Convention, September, 2001
"De Mystifying Scientific Evidence"

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, September, 2001
"Negotiation Strategies in Mediation – What Works and What Doesn't Work To Get the Best Settlement For Your Client"

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, September, 2001
“How Solo and Small Firm Practitioners Can Use the Web
To Enhance Their Practice”

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., January, 2002
"Nursing Home Litigation”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR SECTION EDUCATION
INSTITUTE, January, 2002
“How to Get The Best Results in Mediation – Helpful
Negotiation Strategies”

CULVER MARINA BAR ASSOCIATION, March 2002
“Tips and Traps in Elder Abuse Litigation”

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT ADR COMMITTEE &
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEDIATION
ASSOCIATION, May 7, 2002
“Mediating Elder Abuse Claims”

CALIFORNIA CPA EDUCATION FOUNDATION, October,
2002,
“2002 Employment Practices Conference”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, October, 2002
“Advanced Trial Preparation”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, October, 2002
“Negotiation Strategies in Mediation: What Works and
What Doesn’t Work To Get the Best Settlement For Your
Client.”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, October, 2002
“Tips and Traps in Elder Abuse Litigation”

LORMAN EDUCATION GROUP, November, 2002,
“Employment Law Update”

CALIFORNIA CPA EDUCATION FOUNDATION, November,
2002,
“2002 Employment Practices Conference”

NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, November, 2002
“Nursing Home Malpractice in California: Successful Case
Management From Investigation to Trial”

NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, December, 2002

“Nursing Home Malpractice in California: Successful Case Management From Investigation to Trial”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR SECTION EDUCATION
INSTITUTE, January, 2003

“How To Not Leave Money On The Table And Get The Best Results In Mediation”

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., January, 2003
“Nursing Home Litigation”

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, August, 2003
“Negotiation Skills – How to Get the Best Results”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, September, 2003
“How to Ethically Get The Best Results in Mediation”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, September, 2003
“From Stone to Chisel to the New Era in Information Technology”

CAALA, 21st Annual Convention, September, 2003
“The Basics of Elder Abuse”

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS INTERINDEMNITY
EXCHANGE, September, 2003
“Elder Abuse: An Issue For All Healthcare Providers”

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., NURSING
HOME NEGLIGENCE CONFERENCE V, September,
2003
“How OBRA is Used”

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., NURSING
HOME NEGLIGENCE CONFERENCE V, September,
2003
“Ethical Considerations in Nursing Home Litigation”

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., NURSING
HOME NEGLIGENCE CONFERENCE V, September,
2003
“Preliminary Discovery”

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS INTERINDEMNITY
EXCHANGE, November, 2003
“Elder Abuse Litigation, An Issue For All Healthcare Providers”

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., January, 2004
“How to effectively use Written Discovery”

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS INC., January, 2004
“How to Use the Regulations in Nursing Home Litigation”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR SECTION EDUCATION
INSTITUTE, January, 2004
“Advanced Trial Preparation and Advocacy Practice”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR SECTION EDUCATION
INSTITUTE, January, 2004
“Advanced Mediation Strategies for the Sophisticated
Negotiator - 10 Guaranteed Ways to Get Better Results for
Your Clients in Mediation”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR SECTION EDUCATION
INSTITUTE, January, 2004
“From Stone and Chisel to a New Era in a Paperless
Information Technology”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, October, 2004
“From Stone to Chisel to the New Era in Information
Technology”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONVENTION, October, 2004
“10 Guaranteed Ways to Get Better Results for Your
Clients in Mediation”

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW SYMPOSIUM, 2004
“More Than Compromise: Confronting Mediation Process
Misconceptions”

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION, November,
2004
“Ten Mistakes Made By Attorneys to Kill Any Mediation”

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, SMALL FIRM
AND SOLO SECTION, November, 2004
“Big Business Solutions for Small Firms”

SAN FERNANDO BAR ASSOCIATION, January, 2005
“Mars and Venus in the Mediation.”

PUBLICATIONS:

*Products Liability in Medical Device Cases, Can David Beat
Goliath?*, Forum, May, 1995

Products Liability in Medical Device Cases, after Medtronic, Inc. v. Lohr, Advocate, November, 1996

Section 364 – The 90 Day Blunder, Forum, January/February, 1998

Trusted Texts – Cross-Examining Medical Experts on Learned Treatises, Los Angeles Daily Journal, April 3, 1998

Risk Assessment: -- Contractor Liability for Employee Injuries, Los Angeles Daily Journal, September 2, 1998

Mountain or Molehill? Defective 90-Day Notices in Medical Malpractice Actions, Los Angeles Daily Journal, October 2, 1999

How the Litigation Privilege Has Been Litigated, Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine, October, 1998

Jurassic Tort? Third Party Spoliation Survives, For Now. Los Angeles Daily Journal, December 31, 1999

Periodic Inequity, Los Angeles Daily Journal, March 5, 1999

At Risk Elders: Enhanced Remedies Only Available For Egregious Abuse, Los Angeles Daily Journal, April 2, 1999

Expertise, Verdicts & Settlements, Los Angeles Daily Journal, June 4, 1999

Discovery – Many New Lawyers Want Trial Experience Immediately After Passing The Bar, But This Ignores the Importance of Careful and Thorough Discovery, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts and Settlements, June 18, 1999

Beyond Limits: Elder Abuse Claims Not Subject to MICRA, Los Angeles Daily Journal, July 2, 1999

All Intents: Supreme Court Limits Expansion of Proposition 213, Los Angeles Daily Journal, August 30, 1999

Unbinding Binding Arbitration: Has the Defendant Waived the Right to Compel Arbitration?, Forum, September, 1999

Tough Fight: Avoiding Mandatory Arbitration Clauses, Los Angeles Daily Journal, September 28, 1999

First Aid for Third Parties, Verdicts and Settlements, Los Angeles Daily Journal, October 22, 1999

Tricky Trial, Understanding Dangers That Arise in Medical-Malpractice Litigation, Los Angeles Daily Journal, December 3, 1999

Harmful Homes, Despite Heavy Regulation, Many Patients Are Still Being Abused, Los Angeles Daily Journal, February 4, 2000

Laying Out the Proof, New Technologies Make Demonstrative Evidence Easier to Use in Settlement Negotiations, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts and Settlements, March 31, 2000

Patient Evaluation, Analyzing An Elder-Abuse Case Requires a Systemic Investigation, Los Angeles Daily Journal, April 7, 2000

Procedural Hurdle, Pleading Requirements of Section 425.13 Apply To Elder-Abuse Cases, Los Angeles Daily Journal, May 5, 2000

Busy System, Elder-Abuse Appellate Cases Are Increasing, July 7, 2000

Rising Sun, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements, August 18, 2000

Essential Expert, Overcoming the Inherent Hurdles in Medical-Malpractice Cases, Los Angeles Daily Journal, October 6, 2000

Free Fall, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements, November 10, 2000

Light of Day, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements, December 8, 2000

Swallowing Neglect, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements, December 22, 2000 (Case in Focus)

Picture Perfect, by Leonard Novarro, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements, December 22, 2000 (Litigator in Focus)

Respecting Our Elders, Los Angeles Lawyers, December, 2000

Elder Abuse Litigation, California State Bar Association, Small & Solo Firm Newsletter, April, 2001

Think Ahead, Summary Judgment and Adjudication Motions Require Careful Study, Los Angeles Daily Journal, May 17, 2001

All On Board, Each Chapter Of The American Inns Of Court Helps Its Members Become More Effective Advocates And Counselors And Gain A Keener Ethical Awareness, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts and Settlements, June 20, 2001

Disadvantaged Class – Section 425.13 Motions Not Necessary In Elder Abuse Cases, Los Angeles Daily Journal, July 2, 2001

Age Enlightenment, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts and Settlements, Ringside Debates Series, September 5, 2001

How to Stay Out of the Fryeing Pan -- Foundation for Scientific Evidence, Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles Association, 19th Annual Convention, September, 2001

The Graying of America, Law Enforcement Technology, October, 2001 (contributor)

Byte the Bullet – Small Firms And Solo Practitioners May Be Scared Off By the Steep Prices, But Buying High-tech Gadgets Will Pay Off In the Long Run, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts and Settlements, October 24, 2001

Elder Abuse Law, California Lawyer, November 2001

Father Time, Determining the Statute of Limitations in Elder-Abuse Cases, Los Angeles Daily Journal, December 3, 2001

Going Too Far, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements Magazine, April 12, 2002

How To Win Friends and Influence People in Law (Original Title), Los Angeles Daily Journal, Verdicts & Settlements Magazine, July 19, 2002

Nonverbal Cues Can Give Counsel Vital Information, Los Angeles Daily Journal, December 8, 2003

Negotiations and Mediation, Tort, Trial and Insurance Committee Newsletter, American Bar Association, Winter, 2004

How to Calculate an Opening Offer, Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine, March, 2004

Hostage Negotiations Secrets in Mediation, Los Angeles Daily Journal, April 5, 2004

Mehta's Magic, Big News, The Magazine of the Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of California, May/June, 2004

The Bottom Line on the Bottom Line, Bar Notes, A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, October, 2004

Five Fatal Flaws -- Common Mistakes Made By Negotiators in Mediation, Advocate Magazine, January, 2005

Schmooze Power, Bar Notes, A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, January, 2005