

# CMDR

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### CURRICULUM VITAE

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**MILITARY STATUS:**

Lieutenant Commander

Judge Advocate General Corps

United States Naval Reserve - Inactive Ready Reserve

**EDUCATION:**

**PRE-LEGAL:**

June, 1971      University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California  
Bachelor of Arts - English

**EDUCATION: (Contd.)**

**LEGAL:**

June, 1974 Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, California  
Juris Doctor

**MEDIATION:**

1975 United States Navy  
Human Resources Development

2000 Pepperdine University  
Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution

2000 University of Guam  
INAFMA Maolek Conciliation

**Various Mediation Training Courses:**

Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution  
Center for International Legal Studies  
University of Guam  
Southern California Mediation Association  
California Dispute Resolution Council  
American Bar Association  
Los Angeles County Bar Association  
Orange County Bar Association

2002 - Present Fellow of the Center of International Legal Studies

**BAR AND COURT:**

December, 1974 Supreme Court of California  
December, 1974 U.S. District Court - Central District  
December, 1974 State Bar of California  
February, 1975 U.S. Federal Military Courts  
September, 1976 U.S. Court of Military Appeals  
September, 1976 U.S. Foreign Trial Observer  
January, 1978 U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands  
March, 1981

**ARBITRATION, PRO TEM  
AND MEDIATION:**

2001-Present	Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services - Arbitrator and Mediator
2001-2004	Los Angeles Superior Court Early Mediation Pilot Program - Panel Mediator - Program terminated by statute
1980-Present	Los Angeles County Judicial Arbitration Program - Arbitrator
1997-Present	Los Angeles County Superior Court ADR - Mediator
1981-1997	American Arbitration Association - Arbitrator
1985-1997	American Arbitration Association - National Panel Arbitrator
1985-1992	Los Angeles County Attorney-Client Relations Committee, Vice-Chairman
1980 - Present	Los Angeles County Bar Association - Fee Arbitrator
1981 - 1990	Orange County Bar Association - Fee Arbitrator
2004 - Present	Orange County Bar Association - ADR Committee
1983 - Present	Orange County Superior Court - Settlement Judge Pro Tem
2001 - Present	State Bar of California - Fee Arbitrator
2001 - Present	State Bar of California - Special Master
2001 - Present	U.S. Federal District Court - Central District - Attorney Settlement Panel
2001 - Present	U.S. Federal District Court - Central District, Prisoner Mediation - Panel Mediator
2002 - Present	U.S. Federal District Court - Central District- Civil Mediation - Panel Mediator

## **ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
  - Litigation Section
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
  - Arbitration and Ethics Committee
  - ADR and Construction Industry
  - Training Committee
- American Running Association
- Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA)
- California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC)
- California State Bar
- Center for International Legal Studies (CILS)
- Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA)
- Judge Advocates Association (JAA)
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)
- Los Angeles City Fire Department - Community Emergency Response Team (PERT)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association - Dispute Resolution Section
- Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department - Palos Verdes Peninsula Community Emergency Response Team (PV-CERT)
- Navy Memorial Foundation
- Orange County Bar Association - ADR Section
- Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)

**ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS: (Contd.)**

- State Bar of California
- Torrance Fire Department - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- UCLA Alumni Association
- United States Naval Institute
- United States Naval Reserves (Inactive Ready Reserve)
- Zoological Society of San Diego

**NATURE OF LAW PRACTICE  
AND TYPES OF CASES  
TRIED TO VERDICT:**

Plaintiff and/or Defense Counsel in:

Alternative Dispute Resolution Matters  
Breach of Contract  
Business/Commercial Litigation  
Civil Rights  
Construction Defect Matters  
Employment Matters  
ERISA Matters  
Governmental Entity Matters  
Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Matters  
Military Matters  
Personal Injury  
Products Liability  
Real Estate Matters

**EXPERIENCE:**

30 years as an attorney trying cases in all areas of law, including four years in criminal law, either as a prosecutor or as a defense counsel.

25 years as an arbitrator for Los Angeles County Superior Court and American Arbitration

14 years as a Mandatory Settlement Conference Judge, Pro Tem for Orange County Superior Court

8 years as a mediator

**EMPLOYMENT:**

March 2001 - Present                      Confidential Mediation & Dispute Resolution (CMDR)  
Rolling Hills Estates, California

Position: Mediator - Arbitrator

July 1983 - July 2004                      Law Offices of Ivan K. Stevenson  
Rolling Hills Estates, California

Position: Attorney

January 1983 - July 2004                      Benefits Consulting Service/Tayson Insurance Administrators,  
Irvine, California

Position: Partner; Senior Consultant; Third Party Claims Administrator

February 1978 - June 1983                      Law Offices of Martin and Stamp, APC,  
Long Beach, California

Position: Attorney, Partner and Managing Attorney

**EMPLOYMENT: (Contd.)**

August 1976 - January 1978 U.S. Naval Training Command  
Kenitra, Morocco  
Position: Attorney; Assistant Staff Judge Advocate;  
Foreign Trial Observer; Foreign Claims Officer

January 1975 - July 1976 Naval Legal Services Offices  
Agana, Guam  
Position: Attorney; Assistant Staff Judge Advocate; Claims  
Officer

January 1975 - July 1976 Far East Amateur Athletic Union  
Agana, Guam  
Position: General Counsel

April 1973 - December 1974 Law Offices of Martin and Stamp  
Long Beach, California  
Position: Attorney, Law Clerk - Investigator

June 1969 - January 1973 Occidental Life Insurance Company  
Los Angeles, California  
Position: Technical Writer, Assistant Supervisor, Claims  
Adjuster

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:**

Attorney at Law - 1974  
State Bar of California

Third Party Administrator - 1984  
California Department of Insurance

## LECTURES:

- Medical Malpractice and the Impact of Drug Interactions - L. A. County Medical Association - 1983 - Los Angeles, CA
- Medical Malpractice and the Surgeon - Metropolitan Hospital - 1984 - Los Angeles, CA
- Current Trends in Tort Liability - American Public Works Association - 1985 - Diamond Bar, CA
- Government Tort Liability - Association of Southern California Municipal Engineers -1987 - Los Angeles, CA
- Building Better Client Relationships - Los Angeles County Bar Association DRS - 1991 - Los Angeles, CA
- Mediation & Foxgate - The Future of Confidentiality - California State University at Dominguez Hills - 1999 - Dominguez Hills, CA
- Foxgate - What Will the Courts do With it - Beverly Hills Bar Association - 2000 - Beverly Hills, CA
- Mediation & Sanctions - The Creation of Distrust -SCMA - Courts Committee 2001 - Toluca Lake, CA
- The Judicial System vs. Mediator Confidentiality - Center for International Legal Studies - 2001 - Salzburg, Austria
- Court Use and Abuse of the Mediation Process - Center for International Legal Studies - 2002 - Steamboat Springs, CO
- Use of Mediators in Complex Construction Defect Cases - Center for International Legal Studies - 2003 - Steamboat Springs, CO
- Arbitration: Theory versus Reality: The Arbitration Hearing  
American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section - 2003 - San Francisco, CA
- Rojas v. Superior Court* - Moot Court - Argument for the Appellant - SCMA 15<sup>th</sup> Interactive Conference 2003, Malibu, CA
- Confidentiality: Theory or Reality in the Mediation Context  
Fellows Convocation - Center for International Legal Studies - 2004 - Rome, Italy
- Foxgate*, Now *Rojas*: Is Confidentiality Finally Safe? - Orange County Bar Association - 2004 - Tustin, CA



**LECTURES: (Contd.)**

The Impact of *Rojas*: Are Mediations Still Viable? - Los Angeles County Bar Association - 2004 - Los Angeles, CA

Mediation-Arbitration (Med Arb) as an Alternative Dispute Resolution Method - Center for International Legal Studies - 2005 - Steamboat Springs, CO

**ARTICLES:**

Mediation and Sanctions: Road to Distrust - SCMA News, 2001

Rebuttal article to "Mediation Confidential" - Los Angeles Lawyer, 2001

Amicus Curiae in Petition for Review to the California Supreme Court  
*Rojas v. Superior Court*, (2004) 33 Cal.4th 407

Amicus Curiae to the California Supreme Court  
*Rojas v. Superior Court*, (2004) 33 Cal.4th 407

The Use of Mediation in Complex Construction Defect Litigation  
Center for International Legal Studies - February 2003

Arbitration - Insuring the Integrity of the Process - Arbitrator/Attorney/Party Control Issues  
American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section - May 2003

Confidentiality: Theory or Reality in the Mediation Context  
Fellows Convocation - Center for International Legal Studies - May 2004

The Assault on Mediation Confidentiality - American Bar Association - Construct Magazine  
- June 2004

**PUBLISHED APPELLATE CASES:**

*American Home Insurance Company v. Travelers Indemnity Co.*, (1981) 122 Cal.App.3d 951

*Lupash v. City of Seal Beach*, (1999) 75 Cal.App.4th 1428; 89 Cal.Rptr.2d 920

*Foxgate Homeowners' Assoc. v. Bramalea California, Inc.*, (2001) 26 Cal.4th 1

*Rojas v. Superior Court*, (2004) 33 Cal.4th 407