# LAW OFFICES OF KENNETH M. BYRUM

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### KENNETH M. BYRUM MEDIATION SERVICES

## Education/Experience:

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, UCLA Anderson School, 1962. Juris Doctorate, UCLA School of Law, 1965. Law practice in Bakersfield since January 1966.

Judge Pro Tempore, Kern County Superior Court. Arbitration panel, Kern County Superior Court. Mediation training courses, basic and advanced, Dispute Resolution Center, Los Angeles. Advanced Mediation Training Course, Straus Institute, Pepperdine University. Continuing courses in mediation, Pepperdine University.

Practice has included litigation and transactional work in construction, real estate, business, oil and gas, as well as probate, estate planning and administration. In addition, served as an arbitrator on numerous personal injury and medical matters. Mediation experience includes a wide variety of business, corporate, real estate disputes, construction disputes, oil and gas disputes, product liability and personal injury.

Member of court-approved mediation panel for Kern County Superior Court. Instructor, CEB course, "Representing Your Client in Mediation".

Rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell

# Memberships and Affiliations:

Kern County Bar Association; Chairman, Kern Superior Court Mediation Committee; Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States; United States District Court, Eastern District of California; United States Tax Court; Founding member, Bakersfield College Foundation; Rotary International.

#### *Mediation/Motivation:*

I very much enjoy the mediation process and have been quite successful at settling cases from small business disputes to multi-million dollar claims. Most of my assignments have resulted in settlement at the mediation session or shortly thereafter. I follow-up on all cases, settled and unsettled, to assure performance of settlement agreements and exhaust all possibilities on matters not settled. The mediation process opens a line of communication which often results in settlement after the session.

The court process can be costly in terms of dollars spent, time and effort of the parties, as well as emotional and physical damage. I am pleased to participate in a process which prevents such damage and frees up our courts for cases which cannot settle.

Rates - \$300.00 per hour.