#### Curriculum Vitae

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## **Professional Credentials**

- Private practice attorney in states of Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois (1977 to present)
- Trial and appellate counsel in cases representing both plaintiffs and defendants
- Arbitrator for 18 years through American Arbitration Association and by private appointment
- Supreme Court certified Arbitration and Mediation training
- ❖ AV-rated in Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- Included in nationwide Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers

# Arbitration/ADR Expertise

- Commercial, Business and Corporate Disputes
- Employment, Trade Secret, Non-Competition and Discrimination
- Insurance Claims and Loss
- Personal Injury and Wrongful Death
- Land Use, Real Estate and Probate Conflicts
- Contracts and Consumer Issues
- Aviation Law

## Academic Appointments

- University of Iowa College of Law Adjunct Faculty (2002 to present) -- Biography available online at <a href="www.law.uiowa.edu/faculty/michael-pitton.php">www.law.uiowa.edu/faculty/michael-pitton.php</a>
- Advisor to Legislative Task Force of the Iowa State Bar Association -- analysis and recommendations to Iowa Legislature for proposed amendments to arbitration statutes and adoption of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act with modifications.

#### **Teaching**

Arbitration: Law & Theory (2002-2013), Arbitration: Practice & Advocacy (2009-2015), Advanced Arbitration (2004–2008), Arbitration Advocacy Competition (2010–2014) and National Arbitration Competition Team (2013-2015) courses for upper level law students at the University of Iowa College of Law.

#### **Presentations**

Introduction to Arbitration, Participating in Arbitration Proceedings, Judicial Review of Arbitration Awards and Ethical Issues in Arbitration (Program Chair) for alternative dispute resolution seminar sponsored by the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City, Iowa.

Judicial Review of Arbitration Awards (Program Chair) for alternative dispute resolution seminar sponsored by the American Academy of Alternative Dispute Resolution Attorneys in Dubuque, Iowa.

Mediation-Arbitration, What You Should Know, Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar, joint presentation sponsored by the Iowa State Bar Association in Des Moines, Iowa.

Practical Solutions in Proposing Mediation/Arbitration to the American Academy of Alternative Dispute Resolution Attorneys in Iowa City, Iowa.

The Future of Arbitration – Good or Bad (Panel Moderator) to the Fifth Annual International Alternative Dispute Resolution Society World Congress in Des Moines, Iowa.

Is Arbitration Another Solution to An Overburdened and Underfunded Judicial System – Insights and Alternatives from the New Task Force Recommendations joint presentation to the Fourth Annual International Alternative Dispute Resolution Society World Congress in Des Moines, Iowa.

Arbitration: Nuts & Bolts to the American Academy of Alternative Dispute Resolution Attorneys in Johnston, Iowa.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Employment Law-Protecting Tomorrow Today to Chamber of Commerce in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Premises Liability to the Chapter of American Society for Industrial Security in Davenport, Iowa.

## **Current Board Affiliations**

Co-Founder, *Iowa Arbitration Association*Board of Directors, *American Academy of Alternative Dispute Resolution Attorneys*Council Member, *Iowa State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution* 

### **Education**

*Juris Doctor* with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa; May 1977.

*Bachelor of Arts* cum laude from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in Psychology; May 1974.

Certified Mediation and Arbitration Training from the Dispute Resolution Institute at Hamline University School of Law and Mediation Center; May 1994.