



Biographical Information

Matt Dudics, Esq.

“I am a true believer in subject matter integrity. I do not mediate cases unless I have litigation experience in the area of the dispute. I don’t waste time with lectures or war stories. My typical introduction takes about seven minutes – then we start settling the case.”

- *Matt Dudics*

An innovator in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution [ADR], Matt Dudics recently completed a long-term consultancy as the first ADR Administrator for the San Bernardino County Courts. In that position, he designed, implemented, and staffed the Court’s first volunteer mediation panel, while implementing procedures to bring dispute resolution to the forefront of Court case management. Certified under the Dispute Resolution Programs Act, Mr. Dudics has mediated hundreds of cases, both for the court system, and as a private mediator.

A trial attorney since 1990, Mr. Dudics entered the practice of law after a successful career as a biomedical engineer/programmer for American Hospital Supply. He has extensive knowledge of medical technology, terminology, and procedures; and brought this expertise to his trial practice in defense of personal injury actions ranging from soft-tissue auto accidents to claims of brain damage, amputation, and wrongful death. He has worked as in-house counsel for Allstate Insurance Company, and was Senior Trial Attorney for Infinity Insurance Company. As outside counsel litigating premises and products liability actions; his representative clients have included Universal Studios/Amphitheater, Dow Corning, American Stores (Sav-On/Osco Drugs), Ace Hardware, and Radiator Specialty Company (Liquid Wrench, Gunk Brands).

Mr. Dudics has a broad base of litigation experience, and has represented attorneys, brokers, and agents in complex malpractice actions.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Commercial Contracts / General Business ♦ Complex Litigation ♦ Construction ♦ Discovery Reference ♦ Elder Care ♦ Employment ♦ Fee Dispute ♦ Insurance Coverage/ Bad Faith ♦ Legal Malpractice ♦ Medical Malpractice ♦ Personal Injury ♦ Probate, Estate & Trusts ♦ Products Liability ♦ Professional Liability and Real Estate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE SNAPSHOT

Automobile / Personal Injury: In-House litigation and trial of large-exposure auto and premises liability cases for Allstate Insurance and Infinity Insurance Company.

Professional Malpractice: Litigation of negligence actions against attorneys, agents, and brokers for carriers such as Lloyds of London, Zurich Re: London, and CNA. The substantive areas of law encompassed by these cases has included insurance coverage, standard of care, agency, and patent prosecution.

Construction Defect: The son of a licensed contractor, with hands-on experience working various trades in residential construction (framing, drywall, fit/finish carpentry, etc.), and a working knowledge of construction processes and terminology. Representation of various trades, including Dutchman Plastering, in CD litigation and mediation. Formulation and negotiation of settlement positions based on critical path and time-on-risk analysis.

Corporate Representation: Retained counsel for Universal Studios/Amphitheater in tort and contract-based claims. Litigation of large-docket Dow breast implant cases.

Products Liability: Representation of wholesalers, retailers, and manufacturers in complex, catastrophic personal injury and engineering-based claims.

Municipal Liability: Retained Deputy City Attorney for Hesperia, California. Defended liability actions under the Tort Claims Act, and advised City Counsel on contract, land use, and Municipal Code issues.

Construction Liability: Litigation and mediation of general and sub-contractor negligence claims.

General Liability: Litigation and trial of commercial, contract, and real estate-based cases.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Admitted to California Bar, 1990

Admitted to Texas Bar, 1995

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School

Los Angeles, California

Juris Doctor, 1990

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University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California
Bachelor of Arts, English, 1983

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

San Bernardino Superior Court
Consulting ADR Administrator - 2011

Los Angeles County Superior Court
Court Mediation Panel
2008 Mediation Service Trophy
2009 Mediation Service Award

San Bernardino Superior Court
Judicial Arbitration Panel - 2006

City of Covina - Community Development Department
Administrative Hearing Officer 2007-2010

PRE-LAW VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ◆ **Biomedical/Quality Assurance Engineer, American Hospital Supply:** Responsible for the quality assurance of electronic and implantable medical devices such as mechanical/bioprosthetic heart valves, infusion pumps, intraocular lenses, and ophthalmic lasers; coordinated with FDA, CSA and UL authorities to certify such devices for human use. Developed device software for measuring right heart ejection fraction in a clinical setting.
- ◆ **Technical Writer, CALCOMP, Inc.**
- ◆ **Computer Programmer/Owner, Critical Path Technologies**