



## *Biographical Information*

### **Richard J. Lister, Esq.**

Richard Lister has engaged in civil litigation since 1976. He learned from among the best, having been in insurance defense practices with Thompson & Colegate in Riverside and with J. Lawrence Irving and Douglas Butz in San Diego. From there he joined Douglas Welebir, where for the next 15 years he represented plaintiffs in personal injury cases arising from automobile, railroad, construction, and aviation accidents as well actions in premises and product liability. His practice also encompassed environmental disputes. He did extensive work in insurance related cases, including coverage issues and those invoking extra-contractual liability.

In the early '90's, he began applying the trial skills he had acquired to take on cases in probate and trust litigation, representing parties with varying interests in decedents' estates and trusts.

In 1996, Dick reentered the insurance defense field, joining Ryan Knapp & Associates, which later evolved into Bonnie Moss & Associates, where over the next five years his trial practice focused on personal injury defense. During a portion of his tenure there, he oversaw the law and motion and appellate practice within the firm.

In 2001, Dick returned to the probate, trust and general civil litigation fields with Bryan Hartnell, where he took on additional contested probate and trust matters as well as personal injury, insurance, real property, and business related litigation. In 2008, while continuing to work in the Inland Empire as Of Counsel to the Hartnell firm, he linked with Carl Skaja and Robert Daniels in Escondido, California to support their firm in the same practice areas.

Throughout his practice, Dick has long engaged in ADR. During the '80s he was frequently agreed to as an arbitrator by both sides in recognition of his even approach to legal problems. He served as a volunteer to preside over settlement conferences in the San Bernardino County Superior Court. From the early '90's he has been a mediation panelist in Division Two of the Fourth District Court of Appeal as a volunteer presiding over settlement conferences and mediations.

In 2009 he entered the private mediation field, joining the panel as a neutral with Tim Corcoran at Redlands Arbitration and Mediation Service. He has completed "Litigating the Mediated Case" through Pepperdine University School of Law. He continues to pursue ongoing continuing education to refine his mediation skills'

Dick received his bachelor's degree in 1973 from UCLA. He attended California Western School of Law, where he graduated with honors in 1976. He has been active in bar association activities, having served on a number of committees in the San Bernardino County Bar Association and as its president in 1996-97.

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