



## *Biographical Information* **David H. Ricks, Esq.**

### **AREAS OF PRACTICE:**

**Business, Construction, Employment, Personal Injury, Malpractice, Premises Liability, Dog Bites, Products Liability and Real Estate**

Raised in the Inland Empire, David H. Ricks attended Claremont High School and graduated from Upland High School. After high school, he attended Brigham Young University from 1978 through 1984. After his freshman year, he took a two-year break from college to work as a missionary in Argentina, paying for his own expenses as he worked with many underprivileged individuals and families. Upon returning and graduating from Agriculture Economics, he successfully transitioned to the study of law by entering the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, graduating in 1987.

Wanting to return to the Inland Empire, David joined the law firm of Covington & Crowe in 1987 as their first out-of-state trained law clerk. After passing the bar that same year, he began a successful litigation career for the next five years with Covington & Crowe. He immediately was tasked to try solo, a number of cases in his first year of practice. He quickly realized that he loved the courtroom and adversary practice. He also found that he was very good at seeing the problems that created the conflict and discovering ways to cut through those barriers to reach a resolution.

In those early years of practice, he began his career in construction litigation, including breach of contract, mechanic's and stop notice law, and construction defects. He also handled a wide variety of business litigation matters, including trade secret claims. Within his first two years of practice, he was assigned to work in the personal injury division of the firm. By the middle of his second year of practice, he was successfully running the personal injury division of the firm as the department head. A few years later, David decided to move forward with establishing his own practice, and he launched David H. Ricks & Associates. He continued to handle a variety of business and personal injury cases through trial, arbitration, mediation, or settlement. He later added the name of Inland Empire Law Group to the firm to handle pre-litigation personal injury claims.

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As time progressed, David found an attraction to medical malpractice claims and increased his case volume to include many malpractice claims.

True to his roots, he continued performing thousands of litigation cases involving business, construction, employment, and real estate matters, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in these matters. He continued to expand his practice in personal injury and malpractice to include thousands of cases involving vehicle collisions, premises liability, dog bites, product liability, medical malpractice, and similar claims. His trial experience led to him becoming an ABOTA member as well as a member of a number of advocacy-related organizations.

For many years, David served as a board member and an officer of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association (WSBCBA), twice serving as its president. During these times, he established a bar/court-sponsored mediation program between the WSBCBA and the court in Rancho Cucamonga. His success rate as a mediator was over 90% in resolving cases assigned to him through this program. He also established WSBCBA's client dispute resolution program and taught multiple CLE courses through the bar involving discovery, trial, and litigation.

David has become a skilled negotiator in his areas of practice. By 2024, he was told by several mediators he should seriously consider becoming a mediator and arbitrator. He contacted IVAMS to join the Inland Empire mediators and arbitrators and to work in the community he has worked for since 1987. He feels he has talent that he can be useful for attorneys and individuals to help them resolve their cases.

Because of his passion for problem solving and the court system, he continues to manage a thriving practice managing hundreds of cases. He remains fully aware of the needs of attorneys and the parties to find successful solutions to their problems, and he tries to bring his experience, knowledge, and understanding to help others resolve their disputes.