

SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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TODAY'S DATE: *jsb@farbstein.com*

Check each panel for which you have been accepted: mediation neutral evaluation

1. Describe your education, including degrees and the dates received.

B.A. – U.C. Santa Barbara (1975)

J.D. – Santa Clara University (1984)

2. Briefly describe the ADR training you have received. For each training, give the trainer's name, the dates attended, and the total hours.

-Mediation; Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC – San Mateo) 8 hours (1992)

-Conflict Resolution; Steve Rosenberg – 40 hour course (1996)

-Neutral Evaluation; I have given 3 trainings on neutral evaluation and helped co-author the San Mateo County program.

3. Describe the subject matter of five disputes for which you have been an ADR provider in the past five years, with the dates. Identify the process and state whether you were a sole- or co-provider.

- Commercial secured transaction – 10/99 - mediation*
- Legal malpractice – 10/99 – neutral evaluation*
- Sales commission dispute – 9/99 – binding arbitration*
- Commercial lease dispute – 8/99 - mediation*
- Real estate sale/construction defect – 7/99 - mediation*

4. Check your areas of substantive expertise:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business (Commercial - Contract) | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate - Wills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prof. Negl. (Non-Medical) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defamation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor - Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Securities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elder Issues/Abuse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Malpractice | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partnership | |

5. If you are an attorney:

A. How many years have you been in active practice? If none, please explain.

19 years

B. What is or was the nature of your practice?

General civil trial attorney

C. What percentage of your practice has been representing plaintiffs 25% defendants 75%

D. How many of the following have you completed in the past five years?:

Jury trials 2 Court trials 0 Judicial arbitrations; 30+

6. Is your ADR style facilitative or evaluative/directive?

I can and have done both, but usually a more evaluative/directive style.

7. Describe your fee schedule, including any sliding-scale or pro-bono provisions.

\$350.00/hour; (\$400 for complex, multi-party): will negotiate for modest means.

8. Give any other information that should be considered by parties or counsel.

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