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The following is a list of biographical information for the Resolution Advocates who have been selected to serve on the BDRP Panel. The background information was submitted by the applicants, and is provided without comment by the Court.

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ADR Style: Depends on nature of case.

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Education: B.S., Santa Clara University, 1988; J.D., U.C. Davis Law School (King Hall), 1991

ADR Training: Mediate.com University 40 hour Basic Mediation Training. Handled numerous settlement conferences as Judge Pro-Tem and early neutral evaluator for Santa Clara County Superior Court cases since 2001.

ADR Style: Let parties and issues dictate proper approach, but preferred method is facilitative and collaborative with evaluation as necessary to assist in resolution.

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ADR Training: 40 Hours Mediation Training, Teresa V. Carvey

ADR Style: Depends on the nature of the case, disposition of the parties and preference of counsel. Traditional joint session and separate caucuses adapted accordingly.

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Areas of Specialization: Bankruptcy, insolvency, workouts, creditors' rights, commercial lending, secured transactions, real estate.

Education: A.B., Harvard, 1975; J.D., University of California, Hastings, 1978

ADR Training: BDRP training (Rosenberg) - 18 hours; Member of BDRP panel of resolution advocates since program's inception in 1994. Mr. Kalikman has settled more than 95 percent of the cases that have come before him through the BDRP and other court-ordered mediation programs.

ADR Style: Caucus, collaborative, facilitative.

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Areas of Specialization: Creditors' rights, bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings

Education: B.A., Emory University, 1966; J.D., University of Virginia Law School, 1969

ADR Training: U.S. Bankruptcy Court Training (Yeend) - 6 hours; (Rosenberg) - 18 hours; Handled an average of 2-3 mediations per year under the BDRP Program since its inception.

ADR Style: Depends on circumstances and preferences of parties, but generally: Initial joint caucus with parties, followed by separate caucuses with each side with combination evaluative/facilitative and directive/collaborative approaches

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Areas of Specialization: Accountating, Banking, Lender Liability, Bankruptcy, Business, Labor, Landlord/Tenant. Partnerships, Real Estate, Workouts, Personal Injury

Education: University of California (Berkeley) - Bachelor of Arts Political Science and Development Studies 1977; UC Hastings College of Law - Juris Doctorate 1981

ADR Training: Rosenberg Training (40 hours); American Arbitration Association (40 hours); Strauss Institute for Advanced Mediation Training (Pepperdine University) June 2016. Also serve as a settlement judge pro tem in the Superior Courts of San Francisco, Santa Clara and Marin counties, and on the panel of neutrals for the US District Court - Eastern District of California Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program.

ADR Style: I am available for Mediation, Early Neutral Evaluation and Facilitation. My mediation style is a mixture of facilitative and evaluative. I work closely with all parties to achieve a practical solution that terminates difficult and hard fought litigation. I listen intently, communicate clearly, and bring patience, perseverance and neutrality to a case. All participants will be fully heard, and all positions considered.

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Education: B.A., Pomona College, 1985; J.D., University of Texas, Austin, 1991

ADR Training: Various 260+ hrs.

ADR Style: "I conduct mediations with the intention of assisting parties to reach their own mutually acceptable resolution. The process I use is fundamentally facilitative and collaborative and is adapted to suit the needs of each dispute situation and the parties involved. Such flexibility is especially necessary with regard to use of caucusing; I have

conducted mediations both with and without caucusing."

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#)

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Areas of Specialization: Commercial real estate, environmental, business-commercial and litigation

Education: B.A., Arizona State University, 1966; J.D., University of Arizona, 1969

ADR Training: University of California, Berkeley Extension (Kelley)- 40 hours

ADR Style: Situational driven - with use of caucus, facilitative and collaborative or a combination thereof

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Occupation: Attorney

Areas of Specialization: Accounting, bankruptcy, commercial, mediation, real estate & workouts

Education: A.B., University of San Francisco, 1968; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 1971

ADR Training: Certificate of Study, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, 2006. 40 hours Mediation and Early Neutral Case Evaluation Training.

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