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ADR Training: 37 Years of experience as professional mediator. Office of Environmental Mediation - 180 hours; Center for Mediation in Law (Friedman) - hours; ADRA (Yeend) - 20 hours.

ADR Style: Although I have experience in all models, most often I use a hybrid model of the evaluative and facilitative processes.

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ADR Training: Mediation Training (Rosenberg) - 40 hrs.

ADR Style: Caucus, collaborative, facilitative, and if appropriate, evaluative

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Spoken Languages: Some Spanish

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ADR Training: Commercial Mediation Skills Training - (Ellen Barker & Teresa Carey) - 40 hours

ADR Style: "Generally evaluative with canvassing as appropriate unless needs of parties suggest other styles."

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ADR Training: U.S. Bankruptcy Court Training (Yeend) - 6 hrs., (Rosenberg) - 18 hrs.

ADR Style: "No set approach as it often varies depending upon the parties and type of case"

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Advocate Location(s): [Santa Rosa](#)

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Areas of Specialization: All matters civil except Family Law

Education: J.D., Golden Gate University (1975); B.A., San Francisco State University (1968)

ADR Training: 250 hours of ADR training from American Arbitration Association, State Bar of California, NASD, Alameda & Contra Costa Bar Associations, CEB, Contra Costa & Alameda County Superior Courts.

ADR Style: Usually begin with a caucus. Then separate parties, attempt to fashion resolution by inquiry or whatever works.

Advocate Location(s): [Oakland](#), [San Francisco](#), [San Jose](#), [**\(San Jose, Salinas & Monterey\)](#)

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Occupation: Attorney

Areas of Specialization: Bankruptcy

Education: J.D., Empire Law School, 1977

ADR Training: J.A.M.S - 8 hours; U.S. Bankruptcy Court Training (Yeend) - 6 hours; (Rosenberg) - 18 hours.

ADR Style: "The initial caucus and then separation with directive and collaborative efforts."

Advocate Location(s): [San Francisco](#), [Santa Rosa](#), [***\(Santa Rosa & Eureka\)](#)

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ADR Training: 40 hours Mediation Training, Steven Rosenberg; 100 plus hours of actual mediation from court panels.

ADR Style: It depends.

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Areas of Specialization: Bankruptcy and commercial litigation, debtor and creditor, consumer and business

Education: B.A., American University, School of International Service, 1972; J.D., Golden Gate School of Law, 1981

ADR Training: CLE through Bar Association of San Francisco and State Bar of California and California Community Dispute Services, BDRP, SF Community Dispute Resolution Program.

ADR Style: I utilize a combination of approaches, depending upon the case and the parties involved.

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

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Occupation: Attorney

Areas of Specialization: Bankruptcy, intellectual property, commercial litigation (particularly real estate and secured transactions)

Education: B.A., Northwestern University, 1981; J.D., University of Iowa, 1987

ADR Training: University of Iowa Law School Family Farm Mediation - 8 hours; Mediation training (Rosenberg) - 40 hours.

ADR Style: "My approach depends on the character of the issues presented and the attitude and requests of the parties."

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

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