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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

CA State Bar No: 67129

Admitted to Practice: 1975

Licensed to practice in the State of California, all California Courts; Federal Court, Ninth District of California. Memberships and Associations: State Bar of California, Alameda County Bar Association, Contra Costa County Bar Association, FINRA, California Dispute Resolution Council, SPIDR, National Academy of Arbitrators, Special Master for the State Bar of California, Emeritus member of the Executive Committee of the Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of California.

II. EDUCATION

J.D., Golden Gate University (1975)

B.A., San Francisco State (1968)

III. LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Petzel has practiced for over 35 years in the Bay Area as a trial lawyer and counselor in the fields of General Civil Litigation; Torts including Negligence, Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist, Products, Governmental and Intentional; Real Estate including Landlord & Tenant; Business Formation and Operations including Employment, Labor, Corporations (for profit and not-for-profit) and Partnerships; Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts and Probate. Current practice consists of: Representing Plaintiff: 10%; Representing Defendant: 5%; As a Neutral: 40%; Non-Adversarial Legal Consultation 40%; Probate 5%.

IV. AREAS OF LEGAL AND ADR EXPERTISE

Civil Litigation

Real Estate

Corporations & Partnerships

Personal Injury

Business and Employment

Probate and Estate Planning

V. ADR AND JUDICIAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Mr. Petzel has received over 250 hours of ADR training, including training from the American Arbitration Association, the State Bar of California, NASD, the Alameda County Bar Association, the Contra Costa County Bar Association, Contra Costa County Superior Courts, Alameda County Superior Courts, Better Business Bureau, CEB and the State Department of Consumer Affairs. He has served as an arbitrator and/or mediator for the American Arbitration Association, FINRA, Kaiser, City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission, Alameda County Superior Court, Contra Costa County Superior Court, Alameda County Bar Association ADR Resolution Placement Service, Contra Costa County Bar Association ADR Program, Alameda County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panel, Contra Costa County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panel, the State Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program and the Northern California Bankruptcy Courts. He has served as arbitrator in over 500 arbitrations and mediated more than 250 mediations. He also served for over 25 years as a part time Small Claims and Traffic Court Commissioner for the Contra Costa County Superior Courts, presiding over more than 3,000 Small Claims trials and 5,000 Infraction trials. In addition, he has served as Judge Pro Tem for the Alameda County Superior Courts and Contra Costa County Superior Courts and has been a Hearing Officer for the Oakland Rent Stabilization Board, the Oakland Housing Authority, and the City of Oakland Living Wage Ordinance Program. He also has been an Associate Professor at Cal State East Bay in the Paralegal Program.

VI. BAR ASSOCIATION/LEGAL AWARDS AND HONORS

Mr. Petzel is the recipient of a California State Bar Commendation and a Commendation from the Alameda County Bar Association.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Petzel was the Editor of the State Bar's 1998/99 Mentor Directory

VIII. ADR FEE RATES AND METHOD OF BILLING (Subject to Written Agreement by the parties or by court order) \$250.00 per hour Two hour minimum TAX ID# 94-3105410

IX. SERVICES OFFERED

Legal Representation

Arbitration, Mediation and Neutral Evaluation

Languages Spoken: English

Available to conduct ADR sessions in any city in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Solano, Sonoma and San Mateo Counties with no travel fee. (Elsewhere on agreement).

Large Conference Room available at no additional charge.