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Elizabeth A. Tippin has extensive experience as a mediator, arbitrator, and special master in a wide variety of cases specializing in resolution of complex multi-party commercial, construction, employment and agency disputes. Ms. Tippin began working as a civil litigator in 1984 and began providing ADR services as a member of the panel of neutrals with United States Arbitration & Mediation, Inc. in 1990. She was an Administrative Law Judge for the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings from 2001-2005. She provides ADR services for the Contractors State Licensing Board, American Arbitration Association Commercial and Construction Panels, the United States Bankruptcy Court; California Court of Appeals; Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Mediation Panel, and several panels with the Bar Association of San Francisco and Bay Area Superior Courts, and Special Master for the State Bar.

RESOLUTION EXPERTISE

Construction/Environmental/Land Use/Real Estate: Resolved hundreds of disputes involving design error and omission, construction defect, delay and acceleration claims, mold contamination, land use issues, neighborhood disputes, planning department and appeals process, homeowners associations, real estate broker liability, non-disclosure relating to buy-sell agreements, flood/landslide cases, landlord-tenant, hazardous waste and site assessments, fee disputes, and insurance coverage. Projects included highway, tunnels, water treatment plants, commercial buildings, schools, convention centers, single family homes, multi-unit residential and mixed-use commercial/residential projects.

Business: Resolved disputes involving breach of contract, partnership disputes and dissolution, fee disputes/malpractice claims, copyright, and professional licensing issues.

Employment: Resolved hundreds of disputes involving claims for wrongful termination, retaliation, and discrimination claims including numerous EEOC charges of discrimination. Appointed EEOC employment discrimination mediator panel in 1998.

Personal Injury: Resolved ADA claims, molestation claims, all types of personal injury and wrongful death claims, including construction site accidents and products liability cases.

BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE

1997- Present, Principal, Law & Mediation Offices of Elizabeth A. Tippin
2001-2005, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings
1990-1997, Litigator/Mediator/Arbitrator, Pandell Novich & Borsuk
1984-1990, Litigator, Lynch Loofbourrow Helmenstine Gilardi & Grummer

EDUCATION

J.D., 1983, Golden Gate University, School of Law, Clerked for the California Court of Appeals
B.F.A., 1975, Arizona State University

SPECIAL HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California, Member, Appointed Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
The Mediation Society, Founding Member, Former President of the Board of Directors
Former Chair of the Arbitration Committee, Bar Association of San Francisco
Dispute Review Foundation, Member
American Institute of Architects, Allied Member
Lectured for ADR courses at the Bar Association of San Francisco, and several universities including, University of California Berkeley and Hastings School of Law, and Golden Gate University.
Adjunct Faculty teaching Architecture Professional Practice, Architecture Department, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, 2003- Present