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Mediator * Arbitrator * Attorney at Law

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EMPLOYMENT

2012-present Law Offices of E. Alexandra DeLateur

Mediator, Arbitrator and Hearing Officer. Offering mediation services through the Bankruptcy Court’s Dispute Resolution Program (“BDRP”), the Northern District of California Mortgage Modification Mediation Program (“MMM”), Santa Clara Superior Court, Project Sentinel, Mountain View rent stabilization (“CSFRA”), Hayward Rent Review program, and the Santa Clara County Bar Association (“SCCBA”) fee mediation/arbitration program. Also serves as an arbitrator/hearing officer for the SCCBA, Hayward Rent Review program, and Mountain View CSFRA program. Coaches mediation students as part of the basic 40-hour community mediation training and as part of speaker panels. (Reduced case load while working at Project Sentinel-see below.) Formed Ridge Mediation LLC with Paul Hebert in 2019 to offer communication and conflict resolution workshops and innovative mediation to the public regarding a broad range of disputes.

2016-2017 Project Sentinel, a nonprofit agency (Santa Clara, California)

Director of Tenant/Landlord Counseling and Dispute Resolution Programs. Managed department of approximately twelve staff who provided counseling on rental rights/responsibilities and dispute resolution services in five offices serving three counties. Coordinated and presented workshops on tenant/landlord topics and dispute resolution techniques and practice. Oversaw the launch of a day of court ADR settlement program for Unlawful Detainer Court in Santa Clara County. Prepared detailed reports to funders and assisted with drafting grant proposals.

2005-2012 Office of Devin Derham-Burk, Chapter 13 Trustee (San Jose, California)

Staff attorney. Reviewed and responded to correspondence and pleadings filed in Chapter 13 cases, researched legal issues, advised Trustee on legal procedures and strategy, conducted §341 meeting of creditors at weekly hearings as the Trustee’s representative, appeared as Trustee’s counsel at court hearings, and managed office matters in the Trustee’s absence.

1992- 2003 Law Offices of E. Alexandra DeLateur (Grayslake, Illinois)

Founded sole practice handling Chapter 7 and 13 bankruptcies for creditor s and debtors and collection matters. Participated in the Volunteer Lawyer’s Program, advocating for indigent clients in bankruptcy matters.

1990-1992 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Irvine, California)

Staff Attorney, Bankruptcy Section. Litigated and negotiated collection matters in California and supervised outside counsel for regional cases. Selected to work on special projects, such as termination of court appointed liquidation of financial institutions.

1990 U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Central District of California, Santa Ana Division)

Senior Law Clerk to Hon. James N. Barr. Prepared daily motion matters for hearing including research and tentative rulings. Drafted opinions on submitted matters and advised the Court.

1988-1990 Frandzel & Share (Orange County and Beverly Hills, California offices)

Associate attorney. Appeared on behalf of creditors and trustees in chapter 7, 11, and 13 cases before the bankruptcy courts and represented creditors in state courts in civil business litigation and collections matters. Performed legal research and prepared pleadings.

1988 Fresno County Superior Court (Fresno, California)

Law clerk. Analyzed motions, verified authorities, and submitted recommendations to the judges who heard the motion calendars. (Temporary position)

1986-1988 Kimble, Mac Michael & Upton (Fresno, California)

Associate attorney. Researched bankruptcy, business litigation, and transactional law matters, drafted court pleadings and documents, and appeared in state and bankruptcy courts.

EDUCATION AND LICENSES

Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D., 1986.

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1983, Political Science with High Honors.

Mediation & ADR Instruction: three basic 40-hour mediation courses completed 1991, 2001 and 2013 (DRPA compliant). Numerous advanced mediation trainings completed; About ten arbitration and hearing officer trainings completed over the past seven years plus continuing education and training for temporary judges. Also trained as a group discussion facilitator.

Licensed Attorney: Active in California; Inactive in Illinois and District of Columbia. Member of the Santa Clara County Bar Association and all federal district courts in California and Northern Illinois.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mediation and Arbitration Activities:

- Appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara's ADR Committee in November 2018 for the 2019-2020 term.
- Serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and hearing officer for Project Sentinel assisting with community disputes pursuant to voluntary and mandatory dispute resolution programs.
- Mediates for the Bankruptcy Dispute Resolution Panel and Mortgage Modification Mediation Program for the Bankruptcy Court for Northern District of California.
- Mediates and arbitrates for the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program for the Santa Clara County Bar Association.
- Speaks on panels regarding mediation and ADR practices for the County, Santa Clara Law School, and local organizations.
- Prior experience: Volunteered as Lead Day of Court Mediator for Small Claims for Santa Clara County's Dispute Resolution Program. Mediated court (small claims and civil harassment) and community issues. Interned in the office developing and convening mediation sessions and engaging in phone conciliations. Arbitrated through the Lake County Circuit Court Arbitration Program prior to relocating to California.

Volunteer Temporary Judge Program: Volunteer temporary ("pro tem") judge for the small claims division of the Santa Clara Superior Court approximately once a month, hearing trials presented by unrepresented parties stemming from a wide variety of disputes.