

JAMES M. SLATER

Profession Retired Judge, Arbitrator, Mediator, Special Master.

Work History Arbitrator, Mediator, Special Master-Referee, Self-employed, 1997-present; Judge, Superior Court, County of Santa Barbara, 1982-1997; Judge, Municipal Court, County of Santa Barbara, 1977-1982; Supervisor, Board of Supervisors, Third District, County of Santa Barbara, 1973-77; Attorney, Private Practice, 1966-77; Office of the District Attorney, County of Santa Barbara, 1965-66.

Experience Over 40 years judicial/legal experience. Served on the Santa Barbara County Superior Court from 1982 to 1997. Served two terms as presiding judge and one term as supervising judge. Presided over civil jury and court trials, settlement conferences, civil law and motion, family court, probate court, and criminal proceedings. The civil assignments predominated and covered virtually all areas of law.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience Currently a member of the AAA's Large Complex Case Panel (LCCP) and arbitrator on the Commercial, Employment, Class Action, and Construction Defect Panels. Served as an arbitrator/judge and as a mediator/settlement judge in over one thousand cases. Cases involved two-party and multi-party business, real estate, construction defect, environmental, personal injury, eminent domain, wills and trusts, contracts, employment law, insurance, family law, and probate litigation.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training ACE005 - Chairing an Arbitration Panel, 10/05; ACE003 - Arbitrator Ethics & Disclosure, 12/04; Annual Arbitrator Update, 2002; AAA Commercial Arbitrator II Training, Los Angeles, 11/02; AAA Arbitrator I Training-Fundamentals of the Arbitration Process, San Francisco, 2/02; CJER/California Judges Association, Civil Law/Mediation Seminar, San Francisco, 1/01; Pepperdine University, Master's Forum, Malibu, 2000; Santa Barbara Superior Court CADRe Program "Maximize Your Mediation" Seminar, 2000; Piazza/Lincoln Mediation Techniques Seminar, 1999; Pepperdine University, Advanced Mediation Training, Malibu, 1998; CJER/California Judges Association, Mediation Training, San Francisco, 1992; CJER/California Judges Association, Judges College, 1977, 1980, 1983 and 1990, and numerous multi-day seminars in general civil law, with emphasis on torts, contracts, employment, construction and environmental law.

Professional Licenses Admitted to the Bar, California, 1965.

Professional Associations State Bar of California; California Judges Association; Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association - Los Angeles, San Francisco, Providence, Rhode Island (Class Action Center); Member of Large Complex Case Panel (LCCP) and arbitrator on the Commercial, Employment, Class Action, and Construction Defect Panels; association with Judicate West of Santa Ana, California.

Education University of Notre Dame (JD-1964); Iona College (BA, History-1961).

Compensation Santa Barbara County, San Luis Obispo County, City of Ventura: \$300.00 per hr. for all time spent, including study time/review time; All other locations: \$350.00 per hr. No travel time charged in the State of California. Please contact for cancellation / continuance policy.