



**Robert Ames, Esq.** is on NCRC's Commercial Panel and Superior Court Mediation Panels.

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Mr. Ames, an experienced mediator, has practiced law for over forty years. He specialized in corporate bankruptcy, work-outs and debtor/creditor matters. He has participated in most of the major bankruptcy filings in San Diego during such period, which included multi-year, multi-million dollar matters. He also has advised clients with respect to real estate and general business matters.

## **RESOLUTION EXPERTISE**

- In the last fifteen years, has guided over 200 mediations to resolution, primarily as a member of the San Diego Superior Court Civil Mediation Panel and as a private mediator, currently through National Conflict Resolution Center.
- The matters mediated have included disputes of all types with special emphasis on partnership and corporate cases, real estate cases, contractual cases, commercial and banking cases.
- In the last twenty years, has arbitrated a over 200 matters as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, NASD Dispute Resolution Inc. and the State Car of California.
- The matters arbitrated were primarily commercial and business matters.
- Received advanced mediation training at Pepperdine University Law School
- Received both basic and advanced training as a mediator and arbitrator from the National Conflict Resolution Center and the American Arbitration Association, respectively.

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

- Mediated a multi -million dollar disputes between two commercial banks concerning fraudulently pledged collateral
- Mediated a multi-million dollar dispute involving breach of construction contract and construction defects on a work of public improvement
- Mediated a multi -million dollar dispute involving the dissolution of a real-estate partnership liquidation and the liquidation of approximately twenty on-going subdivision projects

- Mediated a dispute relating to acquisition of a European-based public utility
- Mediated a series of disputes concerning intellectual property licenses and breach of contract claims
- Mediated contract dispute concerning an anchor tenant's lease in major shopping center

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Consulting partner at DLA/Piper, LLP
- Associate and Partner, Gray, Cary, Ames & Frye/ Gray, Cary, Ware & Freidenrich 1968
- Licensed to practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Southern and Northern U.S. District Courts, and all Courts of the State of California

## **SPECIAL HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Director, Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy
- Fellow, American Law Foundation
- Trustee, Timken Museum of Art
- Listed in the *Best Lawyers in America*
- Whitney North Seymour Award for Arbitration

## **EDUCATION**

- Stanford University Law School, LLB, 1960
- Stanford University, Graduated School of Business, MBA, 1957
- Pomona College, B.A., Economics, 1953

## **FEES**

- Superior Court Civil : \$150 per hour for each of the first two hours, \$350 per hour thereafter
- All other: \$350 per hour, with a \$150 filing fee per party