



**Daniel K. Steussy, C.E.**, is on NCRC's Construction Defect and Environmental/Land Use Panels.

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Mr. Steussy is founder and President of Opterra, Inc., a geotechnical engineering firm. With over 15 years of experience as a mediator, Mr. Steussy has mediated dozens of civil matters, including construction, business, and community cases. He has been a panelist and instructor in large group and Superior Court mediator training courses, and has moderated panels and roundtable discussions on alternative methods for handling construction defect cases.

## **RESOLUTION EXPERTISE**

- Mediated over 100 disputes across a wide spectrum of civil issues, including:
  - Construction
  - Environment
  - Contract
  - Business
  - Community
  - Education
  - Inter-cultural relations
- Instructor or panelist on mediation for the San Diego Superior Court, American Society of Civil Engineers, Association for Conflict Resolution, Thomas Jefferson School of Law and several Bar Associations
- Chaired workshops such as "Mediation," "Confidentiality in Mediation," and "NAFTA and Alternative Dispute Resolution"
- Testified before the California Legislator regarding the certification of mediators
- A member of the committee that developed the National Conflict Resolution Center's Mediator Credential, one of the first comprehensive certification procedures for mediators
- Published an eight-part Series in Condo Management Magazine (with Grant S. Lichtman), regarding Conflict Resolution and Communication
- Over 100 hours of training and the Mediator Credential from the National Conflict Resolution Center
- Additional training from the American Arbitration Association and Association for Conflict Resolution

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

- Geotechnical engineering expert at over 200 court cases involving construction defect
- Authored or co-authored over 300 proprietary reports of geotechnical engineering investigations

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- President and Founder, Opterra, Inc., San Diego, CA, 1989 – Present
- Engineering Manager, Owen Consultants, San Diego, CA, 1985 – 1989
- Engineer, Project Development, Nekton, Inc., San Diego, CA, 1983 – 1985
- Staff Engineer, Research & Development, Earth Technology Corp., Long Beach, CA & Houston, TX, 1980 – 1983

## **SPECIAL HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- San Diego County Bar Association, ADR Subcommittee on Courts, helped develop the original San Diego County Superior Court Mediator List, 1994
- President, San Diego Chapter of the Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution, 1995
- Chair, San Diego Dispute Resolution Forum
- American Bar Association
- Southern California Mediation Association
- California Dispute Resolution Council
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- National Society of Professional Engineers
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- Registered Civil Engineer and Geotechnical Engineer, State of California
- Registered Civil Engineer, State of Arizona
- Registered Civil Engineer, State of Nevada

## **EDUCATION**

- Geotechnical engineering, University of Texas at Austin, M.S., 1980
- Civil Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, B.S., 1978

## **FEES**

- \$350 per hour, with a \$125 administrative fee per party