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Stephen Hewitt brings 38 years of trial experience in a variety of areas on both sides of the bar, along with 20 years of dispute resolution skills gained while serving as a neutral, settlement conference officer, mediator and arbitrator in Los Angeles and Orange County programs. His fierce professional independence, career-long penchant for tackling complicated and difficult cases, and commitment to maintaining an unbiased understanding of both sides of a conflict make him naturally suited for the challenges of dispute resolution. Stephen's philosophy and outlook about conflict resolution have also been fundamentally shaped by having tried more than 60 jury trials to verdict.

Professional Licenses: Member of the State Bar of California - 102729 (1982); Member of the State Bar of Hawaii – 7208 (1999)

Legal Experience: Hewitt & Raphael; Founding/Managing Partner; Lead Trial Counsel

Education: University of California at Santa Barbara, Bachelor of Arts (1978); California Western School of Law, Juris Doctor (1981); Pepperdine Law School; Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (2019)

Areas of Expertise: Healthcare (Medical Malpractice, Managed Care); Elder Law (Long Term Care, Elder/Financial Abuse) ; Administrative Law (Professional & Environmental); Personal Injury (Premises Liability, Auto, Wrongful Death); Professional Liability (E&O, A&E, Brokers, Accountants, Lawyers); Products Liability (Medical Products, Underwater Products, Manufacturing, Vehicles); Recreation (Scuba Diving, Motorsports, Competitive Events); Entertainment Liability (Concerts, Amusement Parks, Sporting Events); Sexual/Child Abuse; Insurance Law; Business & General Counsel

Representative Experience: Served as Neutral, Settlement Officer and Mediator for Los Angeles and Orange County Superior Court Programs; Orange County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem; Los Angeles County and Orange County Superior Court Arbitrator; Los Angeles County Superior Court Probate Volunteer Program

Professional Organizations: Advocate Member Rank – American Board of Trial Advocates; AV Preeminent Rating – Martindale Hubbell; Super Lawyers; Member of Southern California Mediation Association; Member of FORUM – Arbitration, Mediation, International Association; Approved Multistate Continuing Legal Educator – Insurance; Periodically Approved Continuing Legal Educator – Attorneys – California; Author of Sport and Leisure Waiver & Release and Assumption of the Risk Law, 6th Edition; Lectures/Presentations

Personal Rate: Half-Day \$1,600.00 (Includes Preparation Study of Documents and Pre-mediation telephonic consultation with each side.); Full-Day: \$3,500.00. (Includes Preparation Study of Documents and Pre-mediation telephonic consultation.)

Cancellation Policy (Personal): Refund of mediation fees if cancelled five (5) business days prior to the scheduled date for mediation. No refund if cancellation after five (5) business days but if the mediation is rescheduled, only a charge of \$250.00 will be incurred by the cancelling party.