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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of San Francisco, B.S. 1958
Lincoln University Law School, J.D., 1963

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Papa is a highly experienced (over 40 years) trial attorney who has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal court throughout California as well as Oregon, Hawaii, Nevada, Nebraska and Washington. His experience covers a broad variety of cases:

Early Practice: Personal injury, landlord-tenant disputes, family law, child custody, support and property distribution, real estate contract litigation, performing artist contract litigation, labor-management and wage and hour litigation.

San Francisco Office of the City Attorney: Civil litigation defense of cases involving the San Francisco Municipal Railway, dangerous condition of sidewalks, streets, parks, playgrounds and school property, police misconduct, firefighter performance, claims of negligence in school supervision and Juvenile Court proceedings to secure the rights of abandoned children.

Subsequent Private Practice, Areas of Litigation Emphasis:

- Jones Act and General Maritime Law cases for injured seamen, FELA cases for injured railroad workers, Longshore-Harbor Workers Act cases for injured stevedores.
- Manufacturers liability and product design defect cases.
- Litigation against governmental entities.
- Premises liability.
- Motor vehicle accidents.
- Professional liability, medical and dental malpractice.
- Construction accidents.
- Aviation accident cases.

AFFILIATIONS

American Board of Trial Advocates - elected to membership in 1985 having tried in excess of 100 cases to jury verdict in Superior Court jurisdictions of California, Oregon, and Nebraska as well as Federal District Courts in Oregon and California.

Martindale-Hubbell - listed with the highest legal ability rating since 1976.

Membership Affiliations: American Board of Trial Advocates, American Bar Association, State Bar of California, Lawyers Club of San Francisco, Consumer Advocates of California, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association.

ADR PROFILE

Training: Rosenberg School of Dispute Resolution, Intensive Mediation Training Program.

Bar Association of San Francisco: Present member of the Mediation Services Panel. Past service for the BASF mediating attorney-client fee disputes.

San Francisco Superior Court: Mediation Services Panel.

ADR Experience: Over twenty years participating as a mediation advocate, conducting alternative dispute resolution proceedings and participating in collaborative conflict resolution of complex litigation.

Read more about Mr. Papa at www.papamediation.com.