

RESUME

MICHAEL C. BOOSER

PERSONAL DATA:

Age : 68
Marital Status : Married
Health : Excellent

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Admitted to the California and U.S. Central District of California Courts, November, 1978

I was actively engaged in a general civil litigation practice with an emphasis in defense of personal injury cases during the last 35 of my 40 years of practice, having my own firm from 1985—2012. The last 6.5 years of my active practice, which ended in May, 2019, was as a senior trial attorney for State Farm in their Glendale Staff Counsel offices. Prior to the last 6 years, I also handled and tried to verdict cases on behalf of injured Plaintiffs. I tried some 40+ cases to verdict in the Superior Courts throughout Southern California, both Jury as well as Bench trials. I also have some experience handling probate matters, real estate and malpractice disputes.

LEGAL EDUCATION:

Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, May, 1978

MEDIATION TRAINING/EXPERIENCE:

Completed Pepperdine “Mediating the Litigated Case” 6 days’ seminar

Completed LA County Bar Association Advanced Mediator’s training 3 days’ seminar

I was a member of the LA Superior Court’s Mediation panel from its inception in the 1990s until it’s 2013 demise. I had previously worked as an Arbitrator for this

Court since 1985 doing about 300 Judicial Arbitrations. I mediated more than 250 cases for the Court.

I am presently a volunteer Mediator for both the Ventura & Santa Barbara Courts.

APPROACH TO MEDIATION:

I typically convene a mediation in a joint (all parties present together) session to be certain all are aware of those present/participating. I do recognize that there are situations where this would be counter-productive, and would ask that I be advised of this prior to the day of mediation. I generally approach mediation as a facilitator, striving to work with both sides in the methodology that works best for each involved to help move the parties to the dispute to an amicable resolution. I strive to find the common ground after exploring the understanding each side has of their respective opponent's position to be certain that everyone is working with the same information (while, obviously, reaching varying conclusions as to that information's significance).

While I do not generally interject my personal evaluation of any fact/issue, I do, as appropriate, bring up issues I have seen arise during the course of a trial to remind the participants of the disadvantages to failing to reach an agreement.

I believe that my experience on both sides of personal injury litigation during my years of active practice enables me to look objectively at matters and assist the participants and their counsel in resolving their disputes early, and without the inherent expenses of a protracted trial.

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST

March, 2020