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## Brief Resume

### *One Mediator, Inc. – Matthew W. Argue*



Matthew W. Argue has a long history of involvement with construction litigation. Based in San Diego, he is a full-time neutral focusing on construction, insurance and real estate mediation and arbitration in San Diego, Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles counties. Mr. Argue has successfully mediated over 600 construction cases to settlement and served as lead arbitrator on over 300 construction cases. Mr. Argue also serves as a Dispute Resolution Advisor and Dispute Resolution Board member for Caltrans.

Mr. Argue has over 30 years of experience in complex construction disputes, mediation and arbitration. After practicing as a trial lawyer involved in hundreds of mediations and arbitrations in Southern California for 13 years, Matthew W. Argue incorporated his own mediation company, “One Mediator” in 2004, focusing on real estate, insurance, and construction defect mediation and arbitration. In 2006, Mr. Argue joined preeminent construction mediator Ross Hart at Arbitration, Mediation, Conciliation Center (“AMCC”) in San Diego as a full-time AMCC Panel Neutral.

He began his mediation training as a mediation extern for a distinguished Federal District Court Judge Lawrence Irving (Ret.), after which he obtained his Mediator’s Credential from the National Conflict Resolution Center in San Diego and completed Pepperdine Law School’s Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution mediator training programs focusing on “Mediating the Litigated Case” and “Mediating Complex Construction Disputes”. Mr. Argue has furthered his mediation experience by co-mediating or observing prominent mediators, including Randall Wulff, Esq., Ross Hart, Esq., Craig Higgs, Esq. Scott Marcus, Esq. and Judge Herbert Hoffman (Ret.).

Mr. Argue regularly lectures and writes on mediation and construction law issues. Most recently, he has published several articles in the American Arbitration Association’s Dispute Resolution Journal entitled *Timing is Everything: When is the Right Time to Resolve a Construction Defect Case?* and American Inns of Court’s The Benchers Magazine entitled *Work and Life Balance after Two Types of Cancer*, and is a frequent speaker on construction topics including West Coast Casualty’s Construction Defect Seminar in Anaheim, California, Vendome’s Construction Super Conference in San Francisco, California, HB Litigation Construction Forum in Century City, Claims Litigation Managers in San Francisco and Orange County, and to the San Diego and Orange County bar associations.

In his construction litigation practice, Mr. Argue was a Partner with the San Diego law firm of Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch LLP from 1989 to 2001. In 1997, he became the head of the construction litigation department for the firm. Mr. Argue represented both large developer defendants and plaintiffs in construction defect cases. Some of his more notable cases are: (1) representation of plaintiffs in the largest verdict at that time in San Diego County for a luxury-home residential construction defect case (\$2.5 million), (2) representation of 84 plaintiffs in *AAS v. Superior Court* which was appealed to the California Supreme Court and changed the recovery of damages in construction defect cases, (3) representation of state-wide developer, The Grupe Company, in defense of construction defect cases throughout State of California.

Mr. Argue received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1989, and graduated *cum laude* from San Diego State University with an undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1986. Mr. Argue is licensed in a number of different jurisdictions including California, Nevada, Washington, Colorado and Texas.