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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 1,200 construction cases to settlement and served as lead arbitrator on over 300 construction cases. Mr. Argue is trained as a Dispute Resolution Advisor and Dispute Resolution Board member.

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 is on American Arbitration Association's Large Complex Construction Panel of Arbitrators. He recently joined American Arbitration Association's Featured California Construction Mediator Panel.

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 in the American Arbitration Association's Mediation Magazine, *Mediation Endgame: How Experienced Practitioners Can Best Use the Mediator's Proposal to Settle Hard Cases* (2026), ABA Dispute Resolver article entitled, *Mediation Success : Strategies for Avoiding Prolonged Litigation and Getting to "Settled"* (2025), Los Angeles Daily Journal, *Business, Private Life Collide in Luxury-Home Mediations*, and American Inns of Court's The Bencher 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, Construction Super Conference, 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 addition, Mr. Argue is a member of the Society of Construction Law – North America.

As a mediator, he handles a wide variety of construction claims cases both public and private works involving Airport construction projects, Port and Harbor District, public school construction, Los Angeles and Orange County Unified School Districts, Cal State University projects, metropolitan transit projects, railway projects, highway and roadway infrastructure, transportation projects, hotels, commercial developments, shopping centers, local government facilities, Federal facilities, military bases, schools, hospitals, medical research facilities, churches, warehouse data centers, City-wide sewer and water lateral project, water district, water treatment plants, universities, low-income affordable housing, residential luxury high-rise condominiums, large scale residential tract housing developments, student housing, and high-end luxury single-family homes.

Mr. Argue has experience resolving disputes relating to change order disputes, Guaranteed Maximum Price contracts, budget disputes, cost overruns, construction failures, schedule critical path delays and inefficiency claims, disruption claims, labor inefficiencies, material escalation, force majeure, termination, liquidated damages, cardinal change, differing site conditions, defective construction (commercial and residential), condominium buildings, insurance coverage and bad faith claims. Mr. Argue has experience as a trial lawyer representing both Plaintiffs and General Contractors in construction defect cases, and has a thorough understanding of insurance coverage for construction defect claims.

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.