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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**LAW & MEDIATION OFFICE of JAMES M. McKANNA, Newport Beach, California**

Practice devoted primarily to Alternative Dispute Resolution (i.e. mediation, arbitration and early neutral evaluation) as well as the handling of civil litigation and non-litigated civil matters. Have mediated approximately 150 matters and arbitrated in excess of 100. Professionally trained at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine School of Law. Areas of expertise include personal injury, wrongful death, toxic torts, construction defect, premises and product liability, insurance, professional liability, real estate, public entity actions, subrogation, insurance, commercial business disputes. Have been a seminar speaker on alternative dispute resolution matters for the Los Angeles Superior Court and Southern California Mediation Association.

**HARRINGTON, FOXX, DUBROW & CANTER, Orange, California**

Responsible for caseload involving high exposure litigation matters such as commercial trucking, products liability, commercial and residential premises liability, landlord tenant, mold infestation, construction defect, E-Coli contamination, residential real property disputes, Home Owners Association litigation, lemon law, subrogation, fraud, and Plaintiff's personal injury. These cases have been venued in California State Courts for Los Angeles, Orange, Madera, Fresno, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

**LAW OFFICES OF JAMES PATRICK ZURAWSKI, Orange, California**

Sole case load handling of in excess of forty construction defect files on behalf of subcontractors from preparation of pleadings, through discovery and mediation.

- Disposed of 13 cases within five month period by obtaining dismissals in exchange for waiver of costs
- Worked closely with claims personnel in disposing of 12 additional matters for nominal settlements of \$7,500.00 or less

**BORTON, PETRINI & CONRON, Bakersfield, California**

Partner with State wide civil practice firm. Responsible for high exposure construction defect, personal injury, and wrongful death matters as well as cases pertaining to automobile and uninsured motorist, premises and product liability, medical and dental malpractice, toxic torts, Federal tort claims litigation, public entity work, attorney, architect, engineer and real estate broker malpractice, cargo and inland marine claims, wrongful termination, property damage matters, business litigation, first and third party insurance claims, fraud investigation, and collection disputes.

- Seminar speaker and published author on Dram Shop liability
- Prosecuted three successful motions for summary judgment including one for Hertz Corporation which expunged five hundred thousand dollars of potential liability
- 12 consecutive favorable arbitration awards

**SOMERS, HALL, VERRASTRO & KERN, Torrance, California**

- Coordinated and developed on a nationwide basis strategies and case plans for Honda Motor Co., Inc in order to achieve uniform case handling of Honda's all terrain vehicle litigation. Managed litigation through inter-facing with local trial counsel.
- Provided input to Consumer Product Safety Commission regarding guidelines for all terrain vehicles

## **JAMES M. McKANNA**

**EARLY, MASLACH, LEAVEY AND NUTT**, Los Angeles, California

House Counsel for Farmers Insurance Group. Responsible for numerous litigated cases involving personal injury, property damage, premises liability, uninsured motorist and subrogation.

### **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AFFILIATIONS**

- Pro-Bono and Per Pay panels of Los Angeles County Superior Court
- Arbitration panel of Riverside County Superior Court
- Arbitration panel of San Bernardino County Superior Court
- Arbitrator and Mediator for California State Contractor's Licensing Board
- Commercial and Construction panels of American Arbitration Association
- First Resolution Services, Los Angeles, California
- Resolute Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Co-Founder, Hoffman & Pomerantz mediation panel

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Southern California Mediation Association  
Orange County Bar Association, ADR and litigation sections

### **PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Jury trial record includes numerous Superior Court jury trials to verdict
- Successful completion of "Mediating the Litigated Case, Mediating the Complex Case" Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law.

### **EDUCATION**

- Juris Doctorate, Southwestern University School of Law. Graduated in top 10% of class
- BA Political Science, University of California Los Angeles. Graduated Cum Laude, Deans List, Beta Theta Pi fraternity

### **PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Eagle Scout Award, Stephen Minister, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, California; AYSO coach and age division coordinator.
- Scholarship Committee, Bruin Club of Orange County.