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Attorney/Arbitrator/Legal & Financial Consultant
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Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: California, 1972
Colorado, 1973
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 1973
U.S. Tax Court, 1972

Employment

Private Practice	Current
Blackhawk GeoServices, Inc. <i>Senior VP, Chief Financial Officer & General Counsel</i>	2003-2004
Relera, Inc. <i>Senior Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel</i>	2000-2003
Hall & Evans, L.L.C. <i>Member/Group Leader, Commercial and Business Law</i>	1972-2000

Legal Focus

35 years of legal practice in the following areas: Accounting Malpractice; Attorney Malpractice; Business Interruption; Corporate Compliance and Governance; Corporate Taxation; Damages; Design and Construction; Financial Transactions; Human Resources; Insurance Coverage - Business Entity/Directors and Officers; International Business Transactions; Mergers and Acquisitions; Not-for-Profit Entities; and Procurement and Purchasing.

Additional areas of expertise: higher education; elections; and construction management. Adjunct Professor, UCD Business School, Ethics and Business Law.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

More than 25 years of experience as an arbitrator for AAA, US Anti-Doping Agency (administered by AAA) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Served as sole arbitrator, panel member and panel chair for 42 matters in the last 10 years, handling cases dealing with the following types of issues: business valuation; cable and satellite television; partnership dissolutions & terminations; tax malpractice; contracts; dope testing (Olympic movement); education; health care; insurance; investment and securities; patent infringement; real estate; oil & gas and telecommunications.

TRAINING: AAA Faculty: ACE003 - Arbitrator Ethics and Disclosure, 2004, 2005; ACE002 - Pro Se: Managing Cases Involving Self-Represented Parties, 2004.

Education

Brooklyn College	B.S. Accounting	1967
Stanford University	MBA + JD	1971

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

AAA Dealing With Delay Tactics in Arbitration (ACE004)	2006
Attended AAA Neutrals Conference and satisfied 2005 ACE requirements	2005
Faculty, AAA Arbitrator Ethics & Disclosure (ACE003)	2004-present
Faculty, AAA Arbitrator I and II Training	2000-present
Faculty, AAA Pro Se: Managing Cases Involving Self-Represented Parties (ACE002)	2004
Faculty, AAA Commercial Arbitrator II: Advanced Case Management Issues	2002
AAA Arbitrator Update	2004, 2001
AAA Commercial Train the Trainer Course	2000
Faculty, AAA Commercial Train the Trainer Course	1998
AAA Basic Arbitrator Training, Denver; various other ADR trainings	

Professional Associations

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; American Bar Association (Business Law Section; Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section, Past Chairman; Special Problems of Professionals Committee; Special Problems of Business Owners Committee; Use of Partnerships Committee; Tax Section); Association of Corporate Counsel - Americas (Colorado Chapter President); National Association of Corporate Directors; Financial Executives, Inc.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Co-author, Doing Business in Colorado: A Guide for Architects and Engineers
AIA and CECC, 1990, 1992.

Languages English, French