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Dana Curtis is one of the first full-time civil mediators in California and a nationally recognized mediation trainer and author in the area of appellate mediation. Her appellate experience includes four years as staff mediator for the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, a clerkship with California Supreme Court Associate Justice Edward A. Panelli and fifteen years of teaching lawyers to mediate appeals and advising courts about appellate mediation programs.

Her twenty-five year mediation practice spans a wide range of subject matter, but emphasizes the resolution of appeals and disputes that involve both challenging legal issues and difficult emotional dynamics. The following cases are among several hundred appeals Ms. Curtis has mediated:

- Seven-figure judgment for breach of shareholder agreement and unfair business practices in closely-held corporation
- Order granting preliminary injunction in favor of plaintiff students and parents in a school civil rights case
- Ruling on anti-SLAPP motion in sexual harassment case; and
- Judgment in inheritance dispute among siblings, which included claims of undue influence, lack of capacity and elder abuse.

Ms. Curtis has travelled extensively to train mediators and advise courts around the US, Europe, and Asia. She has conducted required mediator trainings for panelists in California's First, Second and Third Appellate Districts and trained appellate mediators in numerous other states. She also taught mediation and negotiation for ten years at Stanford Law School and for five years at Santa Clara University School of Law. Since 2012 she has served on the faculty of Mediating Disputes for the Harvard Program on Negotiation with Robert Mnookin and Gary Friedman.

Ms. Curtis has written widely on the subject of mediation, including *Appellate Mediation: A Guidebook for Mediators and Attorneys* (with Brendon Ishikawa) (ABA Publishing 2016), the only published book on appellate mediation; as annual supplement editor, *California Arbitration and Mediation Practice Guide – Court-connected ADR* by John Toker (Lawpress); and "Preparing for Mediation" and "The Mediation Process" (co-author) in *Litigator's Guide to Representing Clients in ADR* (Continuing Education of the Bar 2005).

After her clerkship, Ms. Curtis practiced commercial and employment litigation with McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen in San Francisco and San Jose. She was co-chair of the Bar Association of San Francisco Mediation Committee for many years and serves on the board of the Foundation for the Sustainable Rule of Law Initiative, supporting mediation programs that provide access to justice in developing nations. She has also served on the boards of the California Dispute Resolution Counsel and RockRose Institute, which she co-founded with a mission to promote non-violent conflict resolution. She has been recognized by the *Daily Journal* as one of California's top 50 neutrals and is the recipient of The Mediation Society of San Francisco's award for outstanding contribution to the field of mediation.