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EDUCATION

Undergraduate School: Stanford University with Departmental Honors.
Law School: University of California, San Francisco.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

David has been a lawyer for over thirty-five years. He joined GCA Law Partners LLP in August 2011 and was previously a partner at Miller Starr & Regalia. He serves clients in a wide array of real estate and construction and transactional disputes, including purchase and sales transactions, broker liability, construction defects, title and easement issues, commercial unlawful detainers, lease disputes, dissolutions of business ventures and breach of contract. David is rated AV by Martindale Hubbel and was named to Super Lawyers in 2011-2013, 2016-2023. Former Chair of the litigation subsection of the Real Estate Section of the California State Bar. Licensed Real Estate Broker.

Mediation Experience and Style

Extensive background in alternative dispute resolution and is currently acting as an arbitrator and mediator and was added to the list of mediators for the California Association of Real Estate Mediation Panel in 2015. In 2021, he was added to the American Arbitration Association mediation and arbitration panel for Construction, Real Estate and Consumer matters. In 2023, he was added to the California Court of Appeals, Sixth District, mediation panel. He has been involved as a mediator in over 100 mediations. During COVID, David has successfully conducted all mediations by Zoom and will continue to do so to serve a large area at a more efficient cost.

Hands on in working with parties so that the parties understand the benefit and control that a negotiated resolution offers as opposed to the unknown and expense of litigation and trial. Early identification of any obstacles to a successful resolution and fashioning a strategy to overcome such obstacles early in the process. Use of an open, questioning, non-adversarial and creative approach so that each party feels empowered to identify actual needs versus desired results and then working with the parties to fashion a settlement that allows those needs to be met, including thinking creatively and out of the box. Active listener to parties who need to be heard. Parties are invited to share whatever they wish with the mediator and the process is to bring every case to resolution.