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Jennifer E. Acheson is a Pepperdine University Straus School of Law Institute for Dispute Resolution trained neutral who serves as both a private and panel mediator for San Mateo County Superior Court, and the California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District. She is also a mediator and early neutral evaluator for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. By appointment to the California Department of Insurance Mediation Program (Cal. Ins. Code §§10089.70-10089.830), she served as a highly successful mediator for the resolution of first party insurance coverage catastrophic loss disputes. Ms. Acheson has subject matter expertise in personal injury (auto and other), business/breach of contract, real estate, wills/trusts litigation, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and parallel California State statutes, Unruh Act (California Civil Code §51 et seq.), and Denial of Full and Equal Access to Public Facilities (California Health & Safety Code § 19955 et seq.) She also has extensive experience with land use issues, having served as a general plan committee member (1993-1996) and planning commissioner (1996-2004) for the Town of Atherton, California. Multicultural competency is a unique strength as she grew up in Bangkok, Thailand, and later lived and studied in Guadalajara, Mexico, Beirut, Lebanon, and Paris, France, acquiring language skills in Spanish, Arabic and French.

Ms. Acheson is peer rated AV® by Martindale-Hubbell, admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California, U.S. District Courts of California, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California. She is a member of the California Bar Association, San Mateo County Bar Association, The Mediation Society, Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California, and former member of the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center. As an active member of the San Mateo County Bar, Ms. Acheson is a section member of ADR, a co-chair of Publications, and was a long-time committee chair of the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Program. Ms. Acheson serves as judge pro tem in San Mateo County Superior Court, and has served as arbitrator and discovery referee for San Mateo and Santa Clara County Superior Courts. She has substantial experience working with pro per/pro se litigants.

While building her alternative dispute resolution practice, Ms. Acheson was a partner in the appellate, insurance coverage and bad faith practices of Ropers, Majeski, PC, where she was employed for 25 years. As a trial attorney, she obtained defense verdicts in coverage, fraud, and bad faith cases on behalf of insurers. She was also a partner at another Bay Area law firm where she handled insurance coverage, bad faith and SIU insurance claims at trial and appellate levels. Before private practice, Ms. Acheson was extremely honored to have worked for the San Mateo County Superior Court Judges as a Staff Research Attorney. Ms. Acheson may be contacted at **jachesonesq@gmail.com** and/or **(650) 575-9981**.