



## CHARLES A. DYER, ESQ.

Mediator, Arbitrator, Referee, Special Master



Charles A. Dyer, Esq. possesses more than 35 years of experience as an arbitrator and mediator. Prior to his dispute resolution work, Mr. Dyer represented both plaintiffs and defendants at an active civil litigation practice. From this, he gained a unique perspective of the goals and objectives of different parties, enhancing his ability to objectively and comprehensively evaluate cases. Mr. Dyer has been named Trial Lawyer of the Year by the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association and received the San Mateo County Bar Association's James M. Dennis Memorial Award for courage and determination, contributing significantly to justice in the community and raising ethical standards for his profession.

As part of his extensive experience as a neutral, Mr. Dyer has served as a Judge Pro Tem, Special Reference/Discovery Referee, and ADR Panelist with the San Mateo County and Santa Clara County Superior Courts. He has also conducted several appellate mediations, serving as a neutral on matters for the Courts of Appeal in both the First and Sixth Appellate Districts in the State of California.

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

- Business/Contract
- Complex Litigation
- Construction
- Employment
- Partnership Dissolution
- Personal Injury
- Probate
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate

### MEDIATION TRAINING:

Mr. Dyer has been a panel member for several mediation seminars sponsored by private organizations and local bar associations, such as the American Arbitration Association, CEB, Consumer Attorneys of California, and the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association. His mediation training includes a 16-hour course of the Attorney-Mediators Association; a 16-hour course for Mediators of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District; and a 14-hour course for Advanced Mediation Training (Steve Rosenberg) for the Mediators of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Partner, Dyer & White LLP (Menlo Park, California)  
Practiced primarily in civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution.
- Active Duty, United States Naval Reserve (1963-1967)
  - Naval Justice School Graduate, With Distinction (1964)
  - Court Martial Prosecutor and Defense Counsel (1964-1967)
  - Reserve participation (1967-1992)

- Retired, Captain (1992)
- Civil/Judicial Advisory Committee, San Mateo County Superior Court (2002-2004)
- Hearing Officer, San Mateo County Civil Service Commission Proceeding
- Judicial Arbitration Committee, San Mateo County Superior Court (1976-present)
- Multi-Option ADR Project Oversight Committee, San Mateo County Superior Court (formation-present)
- Lecturer, various organizations including: American Association for Justice Consumer Attorneys of California, Continuing Education of the Bar, San Mateo County Bar Association, San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association, Consumer Attorneys of Santa Clara County, San Mateo County Medical-Legal Association, American Management Association, etc.

#### **EDUCATION AND LICENSES:**

- State Bar of California (1971)
- Juris Doctorate, University of California Hastings College of the Law (1970)
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, University of Missouri (1962)  
Kappa Tau Alpha, School of Journalism Scholastic Honor Society

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- American Association for Justice (formerly Association of Trial Lawyers of America) (State Committeeman, 1982)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- California Dispute Resolution Council
- Consumer Attorneys of California (Board of Governors, 1977-1981, 1983; Vice President, 1982)
- National Board of Trial Advocacy
- San Mateo County Bar Association (various committees; Editor, Docket, 1975-1980)
- San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association (various offices; President, 1980)
- Santa Clara County Bar Association
- Trial Lawyers for Public Justice

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- Trial Lawyer of the Year, San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association (2011)
- James M. Dennis Memorial Award, San Mateo County Bar Association (2009)
- Super Lawyers of Northern California
- AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell®
- Meritorious Service Medal (1991)
- U.S. Navy Commendation Medal (1967)