

EXPERIENCE AND SPECIALTIES

Ms. Williamson began her mediation career in 1987. She mediates a wide variety of cases, including employment, civil rights, ERISA, landlord-tenant, real estate, earth movement, insurance, legal malpractice and personal injury disputes.

Her employment practice has included the mediation of several hundred state and federal claims of wage and hour, sexual harassment, disability, gender, age and pregnancy discrimination, defamation, breach of contract, CFRA, FMLA and whistleblower violations. She has also mediated hundreds of state and federal civil rights claims of harassment and denial of accommodation and services.

Ms. Williamson has assisted in the resolution of hundreds of real estate non-disclosure and landlord/tenant disputes, as well as construction defect and earth movement disputes, which often require the analysis and resolution of complicated insurance coverage issues. She also handles many bad faith and other insurance cases, including subrogation claims, as well as ERISA and state law disability insurance claims.

Ms. Williamson conducts mediator and mediation advocacy training seminars and has made numerous presentations on ADR and related issues to bar associations, universities, law firms, professional societies and other organizations across the country. She has consulted with corporations, law firms, governmental agencies and other organizations on the design and implementation of conflict management systems.

ADR RELATED ACTIVITIES

Ms. Williamson is the founding chairperson of the Bar Association of San Francisco ADR Section and has served as a mediation training designer and trainer for the Bar Association. She is the past Executive Editor of the Bancroft Whitney publication ADR News Alert. She has taught mediation and negotiation at Hastings College of the Law and other law schools and universities.

EDUCATION

J. D., Hastings College of Law, 1985

University of Virginia, 1978, Magna Cum Laude, Latin American Studies

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PUBLICATIONS (PARTIAL LISTING)

Contributing author, Sheppard McGraw Hill California ADR Practice Guide, 1992 to 1998.

“The Expanding Frontier of Client Representation: Effective Participation in Mediation.” Bruce A. Edwards and Vivien B. Williamson, ADR NewsAlert (May 1991).

“Mediation Provides an Informal, Effective Litigation Alternative.” Bruce A. Edwards and Vivien B. Williamson. The Daily Journal (May 25, 1990).

“ADR: An Overview.” San Francisco Attorney Magazine. August/September 1989.

AWARDS

California Super Lawyers (ADR), 2008-2014

Top 50 Neutrals, San Francisco Daily Journal, 2011

Distinguished Mediator, San Francisco Trial Lawyers’ Association, 2009

Award of Merit, Bar Association of San Francisco, 1992.

Larry Sleizer Memorial Award, 1995