



**HON. WILLIAM HUSS**  
**Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court**  
**(Retired)**



Since 1995, Judge Huss has served as an Arbitrator, Mediator and Discovery Referee. He has resolved difficult cases involving all types of litigated matters including Business, Commercial, Employment, Insurance Coverage, Personal Injury, Professional Liability, Products Liability, Toxic Torts, and a specialty in Real Estate, Commercial and Homeowners disputes. He is the co-author of a book, "Working With Your Homeowners' Associations" and is a frequent speaker on the subject of mediation as well. Over the years Judge Huss has continued to master his skills as a mediator by attending and instructing Dispute Resolution Workshops through various: Bar Associations and Pepperdine University Master Mediator Symposia. Clients have commented, "Judge Huss has a great personality and disposition about him. The clients and lawyers on both sides instantly established a comfort level. He worked hard at getting the case settled."

**LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

- Full Time Private Judge (1995-present) conducting more than 2,400 mediations
- Frequent speaker and lecturer on A.D.R. emphasizing mediation;
- Superior Court Judge, Los Angeles County East District (Pomona) 1989-1990; Law and Motion, heard and ruled upon 6,256 matters, 1990; Writs and Receivers, 1991; Criminal Court, the lowest inventory of cases in all of the criminal trial courts, August-December, 1992; Fast Track 1992-1995, Central District, (Los Angeles.)
- Some significant affirmed decisions: Peggy Lee vs. Disney (videocassettes are transcriptions sold to the public by contract and subject to royalties,) Lena Coburn vs. Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (the neutral arbitrator has an independent duty to disclose conflicts,) Charmaine Roberts vs. City of Palmdale (public entity may assert attorney/client privilege and not produce legal counsel's opinion upon public's request to do so.)
- Founder, Huss Acker & Bailey, now Acker, Kowalick & Whipple- Insurance Coverage including Bad Faith, Products Liability. Professional Liability, Toxic Torts, Construction, Business Litigation (1979-1989)
- Partner, Trial Attorney, Cummins, White & Breidenbach- Business, Insurance-Coverage including Bad Faith, Product Liability and Property Subrogation (1974-1978) Partner, Trial Attorney-Cummins & White-(1979)
- Trial Associate, Bolton, Hamer & Dunn- Professional Liability & Insurance Coverage 1973-1974)
- Associate, Raskoff, Shapiro & Quittner Creditor's rights, Business and Commercial Trials, Bankruptcy (1972-1973)
- Partner, Trial Attorney, Veatch Carlson Grogan & Nelson- Business, Insurance Coverage including Bad Faith, Subrogation, Personal Injury, Products Liability. Litigation(1966-1972)
- Law clerk and associate, Cosgrove Cramer Rindge and Barnum, Banking Litigation (1965)

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

- Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators
- Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Lawyers
- Member, Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, a part of the guild system of the City of London (2004)
- Member, California Bar (196S-present), Bar Examiner (1973-1975), American Bar Association, Los Angeles Bar Association (196S-Present)
- Member, District of Columbia Bar (1983-Present)
- Member U.S. Supreme Court Bar (1968-Presnt)
- Member Tax Court Bar, Court of Military Appeals Bar, and Federal Court of Appeals Bar (1969-Present)
- Freedom of the City awarded, City of London, UK (2001)
- Lecturer, Moderator California Continuing Education of the Bar, Arbitration, Deposition, Personal Injury and Insurance Coverage panels. (1974-1989)
- President, Bunker Hill Towers Condominium Association (2002)
- Member, Cathedral Corporation Board, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles (1992 - Present)
- Vice-Chancellor Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles (2002 -Present)
- Chairman, Founder, St. James School- Los Angeles (1967-1987)
- Board member (Chair 1993) AMAN Folk Dance and Music Ensemble (1988-1996)

## **ADR SPECIALIZATION**

Business disputes, Insurance Coverage, Construction, Products Liability, Personal Injury, Employment, Commercial, Entertainment, Real Estate, ail matters involving Homeowners Associations, and a special emphasis on Cross Cultural Mediation

## **EDUCATION**

- University of Southern California School of Law J.D. (1965); Teaching Assistant
- University of Southern California B.S. (Finance) (1962)
- United States Steel Corporation Management Training Program (1959-1962)
- United States Naval Justice School (1974)
- California Judges School (1990)

## **ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & HOBBIES**

- Judge Huss was awarded the Order of California in 2003 by the State of California.
- Captain, U.S. Naval Reserve JAGC (Ret.) Specializing in Public International Law, including the Law of War.
- Colonel, California State Military Reserve, Center for Military History.
- Commander, California Naval History Research and Study Command.
- Named Master Mediator by Verdict Magazine 1999.
- Judge Huss was also a columnist, "Legal Comments" in the Insurance Journal from (1980-1989)