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With over 40 years of legal experience, Mr. Beam is known in the Orange County legal community for his analytical skill, medical knowledge, professionalism and fairness. His vast State and Federal litigation experience includes medical and legal malpractice, substantial business litigation, governmental tort claims, products liability, construction, landslide and soil subsidence liability, toxic torts and environmental law claims. Having served as a Temporary Judge since 1974 and professional arbitrator since 1969, Mr. Beam has presided over countless settlement conferences and hearings.



EXPERIENCE

Mr. Beam received his certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law in 2002. He has served the Orange County Superior Court as a Temporary Judge since 1974, and as a Court Arbitrator since 1977. Mr. Beam also served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association from 1969 to 2000. In 2002, Mr. Beam expanded his dispute resolution practice to mediating litigated cases.

A prominent trial attorney, Mr. Beam has tried more than fifty cases to verdict in the Superior Courts of Southern California. Since 1969 he has successfully litigated a wide range of disputes including medical negligence against physicians or hospitals, legal negligence, business and partnership disputes, suits against governmental entities (as varied as claims under 42 U.S.C 1983, wrongful termination/discharge, dangerous condition of public property, unlawful termination of parental rights, violation of prisoner's rights to medical care, hazardous waste and toxic torts). His career also includes construction and landslide/soil subsidence litigation on behalf of homeowners as well as general contractors and developers. Mr. Beam has represented pharmaceutical manufacturers, manufacturers of cosmetics and household products, and manufacturers of pleasure boats.

Mr. Beam was lead counsel for the County of Orange in the McColl hazardous waste litigation (World War II toxic aviation fuel) involving more than 1200 households in Fullerton, California. He was lead counsel for the University of California in the UCI Medical Center fertility clinic scandal (150 suits alleging theft/misappropriation of patients' genetic material).

While much of Mr. Beam's litigation experience has been on behalf of defendants, he has tried more than a dozen cases to verdict on behalf of plaintiffs and successfully settled many more.

TEACHING/PRESENTATIONS

Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law (Trial Prep), Pepperdine University School of Law, 1976-1977; frequent panelist for California Continuing Education of the Bar (Trial Skills); Grand Rounds Presenter at UCI Medical College ("Medical Malpractice Issues for the New Practitioner" and "The Human Touch/Improving Patient-Physician Communication"); Moot Court Justice for UCLA School of Law Moot Court Competition, 2003; Pepperdine University School of Law Symposium Panelist on Law, Religion and Ethics ("Faith, Peacemaking and Civil Litigation"), February, 2006.

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

"AV" rated by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory; former Director at Large, Orange County Bar Association; former member and Chair of the OCBA Ethics and Medical-Legal Liaison Committees; Director of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, 1975-1977; member of the Orange County Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates since 1970 with the rank of "Advocate;" 1998 recipient of the George Francis Civility and Professionalism Award of the Orange County Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates; member of the Banyard American Inn of Court (rank of "Master Benchers") since 1987; Banyard Inn Palmieri Award for Professionalism and Civility, 2000; Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Center for Spiritual Development of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange; Laguna Presbyterian Church Elder; and Board Member of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, California.

EDUCATION: J.D., University of California School of Law, Berkeley (Boalt Hall), 1964 • B.S. Business Administration *cum laude*, University of Southern California, 1961 • Certificate in Dispute Resolution, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California, 2002.