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### **James H. Pluymert, Esq.** **Mediator, Arbitrator, Trainer**

Mr. Pluymert is a core strategic partner with Mediation Law Group.™ He has been engaged in an active law practice in the areas of church and not-for-profit law and litigation since 1981. As an attorney, mediator and arbitrator, Mr. Pluymert has assisted clients in the areas of business disputes, labor, personal injury, professional malpractice, and church related law. His vast experience greatly enhances his ability to effectively resolve disputes.



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### **EXPERIENCE**

Mr. Pluymert is a qualified business, employment, real estate and family mediator. Mr. Pluymert also has special expertise in church-related conflict, and holds a conciliator certification through the Institute for Christian Conciliation. Additionally, Mr. Pluymert has received family law mediation training and heads the Chicago, Illinois division MLG's Marriage & Family Mediation Institute. Mr. Pluymert leads the Conciliation Ministry at Willow Creek Community Church, and has served as a mediator in the area of church conflicts throughout the country.

Mr. Pluymert is a Senior Partner with the firm of PLUYMERT, PIERCEY, MACDONALD & AMATO, LTD. in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. He heads the Litigation Department covering employment, civil litigation, real estate and family law.

### **ARTICLES**

*Church Conciliation Teams: Five Time-tested Principles Used at Willow Creek Community Church.* Christian Management Report, December, 2005.

*Why Pastors and Senior Management Must Model Peacemaking.* Christian Management Report, December, 2005.

*How One Pastor Saw Himself More Clearly.* Church Executive, June, 2006.

**EDUCATION:** • J.D., DePaul University College of Law, 1981 • B.A., Calvin College, 1978  
• Certification (40 hours) Institute for Christian Conciliation, • 20 Hours Professional Skills Program, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, 2006

### **TEACHING AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

2006 Willow Creek Arts Conference - South Barrington, Illinois. Workshop Speaker: "Resolve! When Conflict Threatens Community in Collaborations."

2006 Christian Management Association Annual Conference - Denver, Colorado. Intensive Training Institute Leader: "The Tunnel of Conflict: Yes! It Is An Opportunity for Ministry through Management."

2005 Small Groups Conference at Willow Creek - South Barrington, Illinois. Workshop Speaker: "Resolving Conflicts in Small Groups."

2005 Christian Management Association Annual Conference - Long Beach, California. Workshop Speaker: "Conflict Resolution for Church Leadership."

2005 Peacemaker Ministries Conference - Dallas, Texas. Workshop Panelist: "Church Based Reconciliation Ministries."

2005 Willow Creek Global Connections - San Jose, Costa Rica. "Resolving Conflicts In The Church: A Key To Building Authentic Community."

### **MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

Mr. Pluymert is a member of the Kane County Bar Association, the Lake County Bar Association, Christian Legal Society, Christian Management Association, and is a member of the Trial Bar of the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois.