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Joseph Ferraro spent more than 30 years managing and trying complex lawsuits before retiring from the full time practice of law and becoming a mediator. He has represented clients in a wide variety of litigation, and has tried dozens of cases to courts, juries and panels of arbitrators. He has argued appeals in the U.S. Court of Appeals as well as in the state courts of New York, Maine and Minnesota.

Mr. Ferraro has completed:

- a 40 hour mediation training course with Steven Rosenberg in Mill Valley, California (March, 2004);
- a 40 hour mediation training course with the Mediation Center of San Joaquin County (September, 2005);
- a 40 hour course in appellate mediation provided by Dana Curtis for the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (July, 2006);
- a 24 hour course in advanced mediation provided by Steven Rosenberg for the Superior Courts of Amador and Calaveras Counties (April, 2007);
- a 40 hour course in mediating the litigated case conducted by the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of Pepperdine University School of Law for the San Joaquin County Superior Court (January 2009).

Mr. Ferraro is a member of the Panel of Mediators of the Yolo County Superior Court, the Amador County Superior Court and the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. He has been a volunteer mediator for the Congress of Neutrals in the Contra Costa County Superior Court and a Judge Pro Tempore for settlement conferences in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, and he is a member of the board of directors of the Mediation Center of San Joaquin County where he has served as a mediator in community, workplace, real estate and other disputes and as a mediation trainer. He has also served as a discovery referee for the Amador County Superior Court.

Mr. Ferraro received an A.B. from Fordham University and a J.D. (cum laude) from Harvard Law School. He was an associate and then a partner of the New York law firm of Shea & Gould (1969-1993), a partner of Rogers & Wells LLP (1994-2000) and a partner of Clifford Chance US LLP (2000-2004). Mr. Ferraro relocated to Palo Alto, California, in 2002 and became a member of the California bar (State Bar Number 230625). He is also admitted to practice in New York, as well as before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Northern District of California, and before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Third and Federal Circuits. He now lives in Calaveras County and provides mediation services in the San Francisco Bay area, the Central Valley and the Sierra Foothills.

Mr. Ferraro has written numerous articles on legal issues and has frequently appeared as a faculty member at seminars and legal education courses. For a list, please refer to <http://www.ferraromediation.com/articles.shtml>.

Mr. Ferraro is a member of the California State Bar, the New York State Bar Association, the Federal Circuit Bar Association, the bar associations of Calaveras, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties, and the Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California.