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Current Employer-Title	Pistone Law Group LLP
Mediation Profession	Attorney, Neutral
Work History	Pistone Law Group LLP, 2012-present; Partner, Pistone & Wolder, 1999-12; Partner, Brown, Pistone, Hurley & Van Lear, 1992-98; Partner, Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth, 1984-92; Attorney, Memel, Jacobs, Pierno & Gersh, 1980-84; Attorney, Rutan & Tucker, 1977-80.
Experience	Trial attorney, arbitrator and mediator. Primarily engaged in the litigation of the above law specialties. Over 50% of practice in construction law, primarily representing owners, developers, public agencies and some general contractors and subcontractors, architects, engineers, designers and sureties/insurers involving public and private (commercial and residential) projects. Handles cases involving hardware and software disputes, and contract, commercial, title, and business disputes. Instructor: Evidence, at Western State University College of Law, 1978 to 1982; Legal Research and Civil Litigation, University of California at Irvine, 1982 to 1994.
Experience as a Mediator	Construction cases involving design defects, delay claims, contract terms, and construction defects. Business cases involving contract and business torts, unfair competition, technology disputes, and software disputes. Real Estate cases involving commercial and residential developments including purchase and sale agreements, title disputes, and easements.
Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator	Construction cases involving design defects, delay claims, contract terms, and construction defects. Business cases involving contract and business torts, unfair competition, technology disputes, and software disputes. Real Estate cases involving commercial and residential developments including purchase and sale agreements, title disputes, and easements.
Multi-Party Dispute Resolution Experience	Experience includes complex construction cases involving owner/developers, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.
Years of Practice as a Mediator	25
Total Number of Cases Mediated	50
Mediation Experience as an Advocate or Party	Has extensive experience (100+ cases) as advocate in mediation or arbitration, ranging from small to tens of millions of dollars at risk.

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Mediation Philosophy	My practice is to do three things: first, act as a conduit for the orderly exchange of facts and contentions between the parties. Second, to attempt to broker a settlement, in a neutral way but based on the realities, law, and facts involved. Third, if necessary, to privately provide each party with a firm opinion, based on years of trying cases as well as serving as an arbitrator, with respect to the strengths and weaknesses of their positions, and the likely outcome if the dispute is not settled.												
Mediation References	Ronald K. Brown, Esq., (949) 250-3322; Michael Germain, Esq., (949) 852-6700; Steve McEwen, Esq., (949) 863-3363.												
Alternative Dispute Resolution Training	Arbitrator Subpoenas - Are They Worth the Paper They're Printed On?, 2016; AAA Scope of Arbitrator Authority - Granting Interim & Final Relief, 2016; Consolidation and Joinder Issues in Construction Arbitration, 2015; AAA, Writing Arbitration Awards~A Guide for Arbitrators 2014; AAA/ICDR Neutrals Conference, 2009;												
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: California, 1977; U.S. District Court: Central, Southern, Northern, and Eastern Districts of California; U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1978.												
Professional Associations	Orange County Bar Association (Business Litigation Section, Past Chair; Technology Section; Construction Section; Real Estate Section; Judiciary Committee, Past Chair; Administration of Justice Committee, Past Chair); Federal Bar Association (Litigation Section; Intellectual Property Law Section; Technology Section); American Bar Association (Litigation Section; Intellectual Property Law Section; Technology Section); State Bar of California (Business Law Section; Litigation Section; Intellectual Property Law Section).												
Education	California State University at Long Beach (BA-1973); Hastings College (JD, Law Journal, Thurston Society, Order of the Coif-1977).												
Citizenship	United States of America												
Languages	English												
Locale	Irvine, California, United States of America												
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