

# JAMES B. KNEZOVICH

## *Alternative Dispute Resolution*

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### **ADR EXPERIENCE & TRAINING:**

Mediator, Binding Arbitrator, Judicial Arbitrator, Judge *pro tem* and Dispute Resolution Conference Judge, privately and for various Superior Courts in Northern California, since 1992.

Training as a Small Claims Court Judge *pro tem* in Sacramento County.

Mediator training/certification, 40-hour course, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, 2010.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

1997 - Present

#### **Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi LLP**

*Sacramento, California*

Current position: Managing Attorney for the firm's Civil Litigation & Workers' Compensation Subrogation Department (11 offices throughout California). Primary focus: Workers' Compensation Subrogation (particular expertise in cross-over issues and global resolution involving both Civil Litigation and Workers' Compensation). Also representing insured and self-insured clients (private and public entity) in Civil Litigation defense matters, defense of Serious & Willful Misconduct claims, and general subrogation. Experience in all aspects of bodily injury litigation, including motor vehicle accidents, products liability, premises liability and toxic torts; contract litigation. State Court and Federal Court experience.

1985 - 1997

#### **Shepard & Haven LLP**

*Sacramento, California*

Associate Attorney. Primary handling attorney for various aspects of Civil Litigation, including Insurance Defense for bodily injury, product liability, construction defect, "lemon law," and contract matters, as well as plaintiff personal injury. Also, Managing Attorney for the firm's workers' compensation subrogation and defense department (including Serious & Willful and L.C. 132a claims).

1982 - 1985

**Law Offices of Daniel J. Sullivan**

*Sacramento, California*

Senior Law Clerk for General Practice law firm, with primary focus on plaintiff personal injury litigation.

**PEER RECOGNITION:**

Martindale-Hubbell B-V rated attorney.

**MEMBER:**

State Bar of California; National Association of Subrogation Professionals

**EDUCATION:**

Juris Doctor

Lincoln Law School of Sacramento, 1985 (Student Bar President)

Bachelor of Science

California State University, Sacramento, 1979 (Business Administration - *cum laude*)

**LECTURER & AUTHOR:**

Presenter of countless seminars on Civil Litigation, Workers' Compensation and Subrogation issues to attorneys and the insurance industry, for continuing education credit, including teaching classes for Insurance Educational Association (IEA).

Author of multiple articles and training materials on civil litigation and workers' compensation subrogation topics.

**LITIGATION CONSULTANT/  
EXPERT WITNESS:**

Litigation Consultant and Expert Witness involving fireworks accidents, throughout the United States. Licensed pyrotechnician since 1977, with responsibility for set-up and firing of hundreds of public fireworks displays, including Cal Expo (Sacramento) and the SuperBowl.