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Robert Luft, Esq. was a trial lawyer for 40 years before becoming a full-time provider of ADR services with JAMS in Jan. 2005. He tried more than 125 Superior Court jury trials and binding arbitrations. The focus of his litigation practice was in the healthcare field including medical malpractice, elder abuse, dental malpractice, and contractual and medical staff privileges disputes. He served as lead counsel before a California medical peer review committee hearing. Since developing an ADR practice he has served as a Mediator and Arbitrator in Medical Malpractice, Elder Abuse, Medical Products, and Healthcare disputes.

Representative Matters

- Mediated claims involving agency relationships between hospital, pathology, radiology, and physician care providers
 - Mediated claim brought by healthcare service provider for reinsurance liability over failure to provide sufficient coverage for large capitated health care claim
 - Mediated claim brought by member of healthcare service plan against health insurance company for failure to provide coverage under the Plan.
- Successfully mediated claims of alleged defects in orthopedic and implant surgery devices.
Successfully mediated claims for wrongful death, elder abuse, and punitive damages against skilled nursing facilities.
Successfully mediated claims of medical malpractice for obstetrical, surgical, nursing, Emergency and clinical care.
Served as Arbitrator in brain and heart surgery cases.

Honors, Memberships, and Professional Activities

Panelist and lecturer on healthcare law; relationships and liability risks between Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and payers, subscribers and providers.

Panelist on Mediation Panels of Monterey County, Santa Clara County and San Mateo County Superior Court

- Northern California Super Lawyer, San Francisco Magazine, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009
- Listed in Best Lawyers of America and San Jose Magazine under Silicon Valley's Best Medical Malpractice Lawyers and Northern California Super Lawyers
- Appointed to the State Bar of California's Alternative Resolution Committee, 2006-2009
- Elected to Fellow of the International Society of Barristers

- Member of American Board of Trial Advocates, California Medical-Legal Committee, The Mediation Society, California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, and American Bar Association

Background and Education

- Attended over 140 hours of intermediate, advanced, and specialized mediation and arbitration training.
- AHLA mediation and Arbitration training program
- CSHA Hearing Officer Training program - 2012
- Partner/Director, Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley, Redwood City and San Jose, CA, 1964-2004.
- L.L.B., Hastings College of Law, 1964; Associate Editor, Hastings Law Journal
- B.A. History, University of South Carolina 1958.
- Capt. USMC, Active Duty 1958-1961, Reserves 1961-1966.

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