

# EDWARD J. JOHNSON

## Attorney · Mediator

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### **Attorney at Law**

Sole Practitioner. Licensed to practice law in California since 12/6/04; Bar #234205. Focused exclusively on Alternative Dispute Resolution.

### **Experience**

#### **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)**

*Mediator/Facilitator:* Disputes involving land use, zoning, environmental, public policy, homeowners associations, neighborhood conflicts, interpersonal issues, restorative justice, victim-offender, business, employment, and general civil litigated cases

*Settlement Officer:* California Superior Court Panel of Mediators for the Counties of San Joaquin, Merced, Fresno, Tuolumne, and Mariposa

*Arbitration:* Independent Administrative Hearing Officer, City of Fresno

*Roster Member:* U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) of the Central Valley; California Department of Insurance; CDRS National Panel of Construction Dispute Resolution Specialists

*Consultant:* Mediation Program Manager for Tuolumne Superior Court; ADR Coordinator for the Inyo Superior Court; ADR Program Manager for the Monterey Superior Court; ADR consultant to the Fresno and Mariposa Superior Courts; systems design for court-connected and community dispute resolution programs; design and implementation of court-community collaborative partnerships

*Community Mediation:* Founder of Foothills Community Mediation Center; Executive Director. Co-founder of *TUOLUMNE MEDIATES* community mediation services. Recruitment, training, mentoring of volunteer mediators

#### **Legal Services**

*Legal Counsel:* ADR, land use, real estate disputes, contracts, and general counsel

*Research Extern:* Fifth District Court of Appeal, Fresno, CA

*Small Claims Advisor:* Fresno County Superior Court

*Executive Editor:* San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review

#### **Government Service**

*Positions held included:* Administrative Hearing Officer, County Planning and Building Director, City Community Development Director, District Air Pollution Control Officer, County Environmental Officer, Local Transportation Commission Executive Director

### **Education**

**Juris Doctor**, San Joaquin College of Law, Fresno, CA, with high honors; Valedictorian

**Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Governance** – Cal State University, Sacramento, CA

**Graduate Certificate in Mediation** – Fresno Pacific University, Fresno CA

**Advanced mediator training** – Superior Court of California, County of Fresno; Pepperdine University Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution; UC Davis Common Ground Center

**Master of Urban and Regional Planning** – University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

**Bachelor of Science, Industrial Engineering** – Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

## **Recent Projects**

### **Court-Connected Mediation**

Feasibility studies to initiate mediation of civil cases, small claims, unlawful detainers  
Implementation of new civil mediation programs, and expansion of existing programs  
Advanced training design to mediate low settlement rate cases  
Assessment of mediation program for civil-criminal crossover cases  
Assessment and implementation of mediation program for intractable land use disputes  
Implementation of court-community mediation partnerships  
Feasibility study and implementation of early neutral evaluation program  
Design and production of ADR marketing materials  
Design and production of Resource Guide for self-represented litigants  
Grantwriting for AOC Planning Grants and Implementation Grants

### **Community Mediation**

Founder of Foothills Community Mediation Center; currently Executive Director  
Recruitment, training, mentoring of volunteer community mediators  
Fundraising, grant writing, and community organization

## **Publications**

*The Effect of Historic Parcels on Agriculture – Harvesting Houses*, 12 SAN JOAQUIN AGRICULTURAL  
LAW REVIEW 49 (2002)

Executive Editor of San Joaquin Agricultural Law Review, 2003 Volume 13 No. 1

Contributor to GROWING UP IN CITIES, Kevin Lynch, editor; The MIT Press, 1977

## **Licenses and Certifications**

The State Bar of California, Bar License #234205

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), certificate #6292

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section

Association for Conflict Resolution, Board member of Central California Chapter

National Association for Community Mediation

American Planning Association

## **Community Service**

Foothills Community Mediation Center, Founder and Chair (2005-present)

Mariposa Community Foundation, Board member (2005-present)

Mariposa County Economic Development Corporation, Board member (1997-2008)

Big Bear Valley Human Services Foundation, Co-founder and Board member (1992-1994)

Big Bear Valley Domestic Violence Education and Services, Chair (1992-1994)

## **Fees**

Mediation: \$175 per hour; two hour minimum; no cost for travel within Central California;  
multi-hour rates negotiable.

ADR Systems Design: negotiable