

**Matthew Argue, Esq.** Mediator, Arbitrator

**Matthew W. Argue, Esq.** has more than twenty years of experience in complex construction disputes, mediation and arbitration. Based in San Diego, he is a full-time neutral focusing on construction, insurance and real estate mediation, as well as arbitration, throughout Southern California. Mr. Argue has successfully mediated over 400 construction cases to settlement.

Mr. Argue serves on the following mediation and arbitration panels: AMCC Panel of Construction Mediators, American Arbitration Association Panel of Complex Construction Mediators and Arbitrators, and on the Department of Consumer Affairs California Contractors State License Board Arbitration Panel. Mr. Argue also serves as a Dispute Resolution Advisor and Dispute Resolution Board member for Caltrans.

Mr. Argue regularly lectures and writes on mediation and construction law issues. Most recently, he has published several articles in the American Arbitration Association's Dispute Resolution Journal entitled *Do's and Don'ts Representing Clients in Mediation* and American Inns of Court's The Bencher Magazine entitled *Work and Life Balance after Two Types of Cancer*. He is also a frequent speaker to the industry on construction topics, including West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar in Anaheim, California, MC Consultant's Construction Defect Conference in San Diego, California, HB Litigation Construction Forum in Century City, California, Vendome's Construction Super Conference in San Francisco, California, and the San Diego and Orange County Bar associations.

In his construction litigation practice, Mr. Argue was Partner and head of the construction litigation team with Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch LLP from 1989 to 2001. Mr. Argue represented both large developer defendants and plaintiffs in construction defect cases. In particular, he represented the 84 plaintiffs in *AAS v. Superior Court*, which was appealed to the California Supreme Court and changed the recovery of damages in construction defect cases. Mr. Argue received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1989, and graduated *cum laude* from San Diego State University in 1986. Mr. Argue is licensed in a number of different jurisdictions, including California, Nevada, Washington, Colorado and Texas.

**Fee Schedule:**

Half day hearing rate: \$3,000.00

Full day unlimited hearing rate: \$5,500.00

Hourly rate: \$600.00