

**Arbitration & Mediation Services** 

# Thomas C. Watts, III, Esq.



While involved in the trial or resolution of cases throughout the state, Mr. Watts has always maintained his strong roots in Southern California. Married for over 40 years, he is the father of two daughters. He is an avid Outdoorsman and fervent golfer. Tom is also active in youth sports and civic affairs, having served many years on the Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **EDUCATION**

Master of Laws, Dispute Resolution \* 2006-2008 Pepperdine University, School of Law, Straus Institute

Juris Doctorate \* 1974-1977 Western State Law School

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science \* 1970-1974 Chapman College (now Chapman University)

## **TEACHING & LECTURES**

University of La Verne, College of Law, Ontario, CA Adjunct Professor of Law - Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation

Amity University, Noida, India, Lecturer Cross Cultural Communication, Managing Cognitive Bias, Negotiation

California Continuing Education of the Bar, Lecturer Juror Bias, Mediation Advocacy, Negotiation, Arbitration Advocacy

### **COURT & PRIVATE RESOLUTION PANELS**

Inland Valley Arbitration and Mediation Services (IVAMS)
Riverside County Bar Association General Civil & Probate
Orange County Courts General Civil/Probate/Family Laws
United States District Court for the Central District of California Bankruptcy Court for Los Angeles Orange and Riverside Courts

## **ADMISSIONS**

- United States Supreme Court
- California Supreme Court
- United States District Court Central District
- United States District Court Northern District
- United States Tax Court
- United States Court of Appeals

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Bar Association, Member
- Orange County Bar Association, Member
- Riverside County Bar Association, Member
- San Bernardino County Bar Association, Member
- American Trial Lawyers Association, Former Member
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, Founding/Former Member
- Williston Senate
- American Inns of Court Pepperdine/Straus Charter Member

#### CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Orange and Riverside County Moot Court Programs

- Over 30 years of volunteer service as judge pro-tem for Settlement Conferences, Small Claims, Traffic Calendars
- Orange County Bar Association Fee Dispute Arbitrator
- Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation Commissioner
- Chairman Yorba Linda General Plan Advisory Committee
- Numerous appearances before the Yorba Linda City Council on matters of public concern.