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Robert S. Luft , Esq. is widely respected for his fairness and ability to focus on the important issues in a case. Bob is a San Jose based mediator and arbitrator who utilizes 40 years of experience as a civil trial lawyer with a fair, optimistic, energetic, and patient approach to ADR.

ADR Experience and Qualifications

- Conducted numerous successful settlement conferences and private mediations in both state and federal courts
- Conducted both private and court assigned binding and non-binding arbitrations
- Tried more than 125 superior court jury trials and binding arbitrations involving medical malpractice, professional liability, and other civil litigation
- Successfully arbitrated and mediated medical malpractice, legal malpractice, dental malpractice, and bodily injury claims involving auto, truck, train, and automobile accidents
- Successfully mediated numerous long-term health and disability (ERISA) claims
- Mediation panelist for Santa Clara and San Mateo County Superior Courts, U.S. District Court Northern District of California, Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, and American Health Lawyers Association

Representative Matters

- Medical Malpractice/Elder Abuse
- Legal Malpractice
- Bodily Injury
- ERISA Long-Term Disability

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; Utilization Review
- Panelist on Mediation Panel of Monterey 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, 2006-09
- Elected to Fellow of the International Society of Barristers
- Member of American Board of Trial Advocates, American Health Lawyers Association, 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
- 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. USMCR, Active Duty 1958-1961; Reserves 1961-1966