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Elizabeth A. Tippin is recognized as an expert on construction law and dispute resolution services. She has over thirty years of experience as an attorney, arbitrator, mediator, and dispute boards chair and member. Her background includes providing litigation and general counsel services to design professionals, contractors and owners. Her neutral experience includes being an Administrative Law Judge for the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings for five years and appointment as an arbitrator, mediator and dispute resolution board member focused on dispute avoidance and the resolution of over 1000 disputes. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and certified for US and FIDIC International Dispute Boards. She is known for thorough preparation, technical knowledge, exceptional listening and writing skills, a calming influence, and impartiality.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Ms. Tippin has broad experience in legal and technical construction issues including preparation and negotiation of domestic and international contracts; risk management strategy; land use; planning and building permit issues; design error and omission; construction defect; delay and acceleration claims; change order evaluation; fee disputes; additional services analysis; environmental site assessment; hazardous waste, mold, contamination; flood, landslides; maritime issues, disability access, and insurance coverage issues. Her experience includes highway/bridge construction, energy, wind power projects, solar, sewage treatment plants, tunneling and micro-tunneling pipe projects, maritime issues, public projects including jails, fire stations, airports, schools, convention centers; private projects including, banks, theaters, hotels, residential and mixed-use. She is familiar with project delivery methods of design/bid/build, design/build, lease back, Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) and P3 Projects.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Ms. Tippin has been appointed as Chair, sole arbitrator, panel arbitrator, mediator and dispute board member for over 1000 cases involving construction issues, including delay damages, design error and omission, construction defects, site assessment, insurance issues, and other types of commercial disputes.

Administrative Law Judge for the California Office of Administrative Hearings, five years, with experience in conducting hearings, arbitrations and mediations for disputes concerning state agencies

American Arbitration Association (AAA) Construction, Commercial, Large and Complex Case Panels selected as the arbitrator for complex construction defect, delay damages, design errors, and various commercial issues

California Contractors State License Board Arbitrator for over ten years hearing and deciding cases pertaining to contractors, subcontractors, materials suppliers and design professionals

Dispute Resolution Board, Member, Caltrans State Highway and Bridge Project, at 80, 580 and 880 Highway, Alameda, California

Dispute Resolution Board, Member, Transportation Center, Omnitrans, San Bernardino, California

Dispute Resolution Board, Member, Caltrans Highway Bridge Project at 101 and 280, San Francisco, California

Member of the following ADR Panels:

Caltrans Dispute Resolution Board Panel Member
Caltrans Construction Partnering Panel Member
Colorado Department of Transportation Dispute Resolution Board Panel Member
Nevada Department of Transportation Dispute Resolution Team Panel Member
US District Court, Northern District, California, Mediation Panel
U.S Bankruptcy Court, Resolution Advocate

BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION

Principal, E. Tippin Consulting	1997- Present
Adjunct Professor, AAU Architecture Department	2003 - Present
Administrative Law Judge, California Office of Administrative Hearings	2000-2005
Litigator/Mediator/Arbitrator, Pandell Novich & Borsuk	1990-1997
Litigator, Lynch Loofbourrow Helmenstine Gilardi & Grummer	1984-1990
Clerked for the California Court of Appeals	1982
J.D., Golden Gate University, School of Law	1983
B.F.A., Arizona State University	1975

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS

California State Bar, License No. 113253
FIDIC, Certified Dispute Boards, Module 3, MDB, Red and Yellow Book
U.S.G.B.C. LEED, AP, Legacy, 2009
US Coast Guard HAZMAT 24 Certification
FEMA ICS 100 Certification
NOAA, Farallones Marine Sanctuary Surveyor Certification

PROFESSIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING

International Commercial Fellow Training, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2017
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Advanced Arbitrator Training, 2016, 2017
International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) Module 3 Dispute Boards Training and Testing, 2017
United States District Court, Advanced Mediation Training 2015, 2016, 2017
Caltrans DRB and DRA Training 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, DRB Advanced Chair Training 2013
Colorado DOT, DRBF Administration and Practice Training 2013
AAA Neutrals Conference 2012, and ongoing training programs 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
BASF ADA Compliance for Small Businesses 2011
AAA Fundamentals and Best Practices 2010
AAA Expedited Commercial Panel Arbitrator Training 2008
National Arbitration Forum, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2007
Contractors State Licensing Board, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2007 and on-going to 2017
Partnering, Reference, and DRB's, State Bar Annual Meeting 2006
BASF, Advanced Mediator Training 2006
National Arbitration Forum, Construction Panel Training 2005
Contractors State Licensing Board, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2004
California First District Court of Appeal Advanced Mediator Training 2003
Special Mastering Construction Disputes, Bruce Edwards, Executive Vice President, JAMS, 2003
Contractors State Licensing Board Arbitrator Training 2003
California Office of Administrative Hearings Administrative Law Judge Training 2000-2005
California First District Court of Appeal Mediator Training 2000
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Mediator Training 1998

Center for Mediation in Law Mediator Training 1996
American Arbitration Association Mediator Training 1996
State Bar Attorney Client Fee Dispute Arbitrator Training 1995
ABA Forum on the Construction Industry 1993
California Community Dispute Services Mediation/Arbitration Training 1992
Bar Association of San Francisco, Advance Mediator Training 1991
United States Arbitration and Mediation Neutrals Training 1990

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Dispute Boards in Indonesia, DRBF International Conference, Sanur, Bali, 2017, Presentation
Dispute Review Boards- How They Work and Impact a Project, Victor O'Shinnerer 2017 Webinar Series
Getting Appointed on a Dispute Board, DRBF Annual Conference Presentation
Using DRB's to Bring Your Projects in On Time and Budget, American Institute of Architects
Australia and Cambodia, Construction and ADR, BASF Journal, Article
Construction ADR Tools in the Field, Partnering, DRB's, Mediation and Arbitration, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, paper and presentation
A Field Guild for Dispute Resolution in Construction Projects, American Institute of Architects, presentation
The Twinkie Defense Applied to ADR Cases, presentation, The Mediation Society, presentation
The Legal Issues in Green and Sustainable Design, Half Moon Continuing Education, AEC, paper
Mastering Technical Issues in Real Property ADR Cases, presentation, The Mediation Society, presentation
Getting to Yes-Using ADR Effectively, Bar Association of San Francisco, seminar
Zen and the Art of Mediator Selection, California State Bar Annual Meeting, presentation
Negotiating at the Mediation Table: Nine Steps to Achieving a Better Outcome, AIA/SF, seminar
EEOC Mock Mediation Training Program, Faculty
Negotiating Fee Disputes in the Bankruptcy Era, American Institute of Architects, workshop
University of San Francisco, Intensive Advocacy Trial Program, Faculty
Mediation Tips and Strategies, American Institute of Architects, workshop
The Paradigm Shift in Conflict Resolution Methodology, Common Ground Magazine, article
Race, Gender, and Culture in ADR, California State Bar, Annual Meeting, panel presentation
Mastering Stellar Negotiations Skills I, II and III, Queens Bench Bar Association, seminars
Conflict Resolution Strategies, American Institute of Architects, presentation
Mediating Criminal Cases, Stanford Law School, panel presentation
Mediating Multi-Party Disputes, Golden Gate University, workshop
Americans with Disabilities Act, paper and presentation, Victor O'Shinnerer Invited Attorneys Conference
Developing a Mediation Practice, presentation, San Francisco Barristers Club
Using Mediation to Resolve Fee Disputes, American Institute of Architects, workshop
Conflict Resolution and Personality Type, Bar Association of San Francisco, 2 day seminar

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

State Bar of California, Member, Appointed Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, Member, Board of Directors Region 1/US and Canada
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)
International Partnering Institute, (IPI) Member
Northern California International Arbitration Club, Member
American Bar Association, Member, Dispute Resolution Committee and Construction Law Forum
The Mediation Society, Founding Member and Past President
Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Mediation
Bar Association of San Francisco, Former Chair of the Arbitration Committee
American Institute of Architects, Former Member of the Board of Directors