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*"Judge Ambler maintained a perfect balance of being personable and friendly while also remaining detached and objective. His interest and curiosity for a difficult subject inspired me to work harder. His willingness to work hard and long days allowed us to try a very long and complex set of issues in 9 days. All parties benefited from this approach. I would do it again tomorrow."*

## Hon. Read Ambler (Ret.)

### Mediation Dispute Resolution Experience

Judge Ambler has over 20 years dispute resolution experience as a sitting judge. Since joining JAMS, he has successfully resolved hundreds of commercial, intellectual property, real estate, personal injury, malpractice, probate and family law cases. He takes a creative and flexible approach to mediation, tailoring his methods as needed to reach settlement. Judge Ambler has a high settlement rate in part due to his persistence in following those few cases which do not resolve in the first session. He is listed in *San Jose Magazine* as one of the top mediators in Silicon Valley.

### Representative Matters Successfully Mediated by Judge Ambler

#### Business & Commercial

- Breach of contract dispute between major internet service provider and one of the world's largest secure global data communications networks
- Dispute over monies owed to a marketing company by Texas manufacturer of playground equipment under a representation agreement for placing product with a major national wholesale company
- Contract dispute between publicly traded company and internet service provider over "click through" referral service
- Dispute between a leading provider of global network, content distribution, Internet hosting services and leasing, and an equipment financing company retained to provide its vendor financing
- Class action against major life insurance company for premiums charged when not on risk
- Claim for disability benefits submitted by a veteran nurse against her insurer

#### Employment

- Wrongful termination and breach of fiduciary duty claims arising out of discharge of founder and CEO of software company with major institutional investors
- Sexual harassment suits against major university

#### Intellectual Property

- Theft of trade secrets claim involving wireless trans-coding technology
- Minnesota copyright action involving licensing agreement providing for right to reproduce, use, and sell certain illustrations worldwide in exchange for promise to pay royalties on all sales, and to make quarterly accountings
- Trade dress dispute between major computer manufacturer and Korean competitor

#### Probate & Family Law

- Actions in two counties between numerous family members involving disputed family trust concerning 15,000 acre ranch property
- Probate dispute involving challenge to judicial settlement by trustee/beneficiary dying of cancer and undergoing intensive chemotherapy

#### Professional Liability

- Legal malpractice action arising out of drafting of collective bargaining agreement
- Medical malpractice claim by auto mechanic against surgeon who cut his medial nerve instead of his carpal tunnel ligament

#### Real Estate/Construction Defect

- Disputed successive 5-year options to large commercial lease
- Numerous commercial and residential purchase and sale, lease, construction defect, and easement disputes

- Consolidated actions in two counties by heirs disputing ownership of 15,500 acres comprised of several contiguous ranches near San Luis Reservoir

#### **Others Disputes**

- Eminent Domain: Numerous claims against various defendants for damages attributable to recent floods in South San Francisco and Palo Alto
- Class Action: Against major life insurance company for allegedly charging premiums when not yet on risk
- Eminent Domain: Numerous claims against various defendants for damages attributable to the 1998 Palo Alto flood
- Nine coordinated actions relating to the State's construction of the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge across Carquinez Strait at Interstate 680

#### **Honors, Memberships, and Professional Activities**

- President's Advisory Council, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, 2001-present
- Professional Advisory Council, Learning Disabilities Association of California (LDA-CA), 2000-2002
- ADR Profile: "Long Tall Texan, Making a Difference," *Daily Journal* (Verdicts & Settlements), January 4th, 2002
- Child Abuse Council of Santa Clara County, 1998-2000
- California Legislature Resolution of Commendation, 2000
- Law Foundation of Silicon Valley Founders Award, 1999
- Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (LACY) Honors Award, 1998
- California Judicial Council Court Technology Advisory Committee, 1997-1999
- California Volunteers in Parole, Inc. Founders Award, 1995
- Judge of the Year, Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers, 1991
- Governing Committee, California Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER), 1984-1986
- Board of Trustees, Good Samaritan Hospital, 1976-1978
- President, Santa Clara County Bar Association (SCCBA), 1977
- President, Barristers Club of Santa Clara County, 1973
- Outstanding Law Student Award, Santa Clara County Bar Association, 1968
- President, Stanford Legal Aid Society, 1967-1968
- United States Navy (LT (USNR) (R)), 1961-1965
- Co-Captain, Dartmouth Heavyweight Crew, 1960
- U.S. Olympic Trials (Rowing), 1960

#### **Background and Education**

- Member, JAMS Board of Directors and JAMS National Arbitration Committee
- Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court, 1980-2000
- Partner, Nichols & Ambler, 1975-1980
- Shareholder, MacLeod, Fuller, Muir & Godwin, 1973-1975
- Santa Clara County Public Defenders Office, 1970-1973
- Morgan, Beauzay & Hammer, 1969-1970
- LL.B., Stanford School of Law, 1968
- B.A., Dartmouth College, 1961

#### **References Available Upon Request**