



Thomas E. Sharkey, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Thomas Sharkey has been an active trial lawyer for over 50 years, handling a wide variety of cases in state and federal court. During his career, he has tried hundreds of cases, including personal injury, products liability, professional negligence (legal, medical, dental, accounting, real estate), insurance bad faith and insurance coverage, construction, employment, real estate, securities, aviation and business/commercial matters. He began his Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) practice in 1990, focusing on mediations, and arbitrations, and serving as a special master in complex matters as well as a discovery referee. He has extensive mediation training including the Advanced Mediation Workshop at Pepperdine University. He has served as a Judge Pro Tem in the San Diego Superior Court. He has successfully mediated over 3,000 cases and has served as an arbitrator in approximately 200 cases in a wide variety of matters.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (1999-Present)
- Independent Neutral (1990 - 1999)
- McInnis Fitzgerald Rees Sharkey & McIntyre (partner) 1968-1999
- Higgs Fletcher & Mack (of counsel) 1999-2000
- Hewitt Klitgaard McMahon & Sharkey (partner) 1963-1968
- Dattan Sharkey & Peterson (partner) 1960-1963

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- University of San Diego, J.D. (Summa Cum Laude) (1959)
- San Diego State University, B.S. Business/Economics (1954)
- American, California and San Diego County Bar Associations (1960-Present)
- San Diego Defense Attorneys Association
- Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, President (1963)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Advocate (1967- Present)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Construction, Employment, Federal, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Probate, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate, Tort

ACHIEVEMENTS

- San Diego Law Library Foundation Witkin Award for Excellence in Practice of Law (2014)
- Best Lawyers in America (1995 to present)
- Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame (2010)
- Honorary Order of Coif, USD School of Law (2010)
- San Diego Business Journal Who's Who (1998)

INTERESTS

When not working as an ADR professional or engaged in various legal bar association activities, Mr. Sharkey enjoys spending time with his family (wife, children and grandchildren), reading (history and biographies), investing (stocks/bonds/real estate), personal fitness (home gym) and flying private airplane (private pilot/instrument rated).

LOCATIONS

San Diego, Southern California