



Thomas E. Sharkey, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Thomas Sharkey has successfully mediated over 3,000 cases and has served as an arbitrator in approximately 200 cases in a wide variety of 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 and joined Judciate West in 2007. He began his career as a successful trial attorney for more than 40 years, handling a wide variety of cases in state and federal court. He 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 has extensive mediation training including the Advanced Mediation Workshop at Pepperdine University. He has also served as a Judge Pro Tem in the San Diego Superior Court. Known for his good-natured demeanor and sharp intellect, his approach combines careful listening with evaluated insights, earning him immense respect from the legal community.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR 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)
- Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, President (1963); Member (1960-Present)
- San Diego Defense Lawyers (1965-Present)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Diplomate (1967- Present)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (1970-Present)
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow (1981-Present)
- ABOTA, Member national Board of Directors (2000-2005)
- International Academy of Mediators, Distinguished Fellow (2000-2010)
- Enright Inn of Court, Master (2000-Present)
- Lawyer-Pilot Bar Association, AOPA; licensed private airplane pilot, instrument rated
- Licensed California Real Estate Broker

PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation; Business/Commercial; Construction Defect; Elder Abuse; Employment; Insurance; Mass Torts/Catastrophic Injuries ; Professional Negligence; Real Property ; Special Master/Discovery Referee; UM/UIM - Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- ABOTA Hughes-McClenahan Award for Civility, Integrity and Professionalism (2024)
- Judicate West Hall of Fame (2018)
- San Diego Law Library Foundation Witkin Award for Excellence in Practice of Law (2014)
- Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame (2010)
- USD School of Law Honorary Order of the Coif (2010)
- Daniel T. Broderick III Memorial Award for Civility, Integrity and Professionalism (1990); First Recipient of this award, noted SD Trial Bar Association's highest award
- San Diego Defense Lawyers Award of Recognition (1987)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- USD School of Law Distinguished Alumnus Award (1978)

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 a private airplane (private pilot/instrument rated).

LOCATIONS

San Diego, Southern California