

## **Biographical Information**

## **Timothy Corcoran, Esq.**

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Tim is a *Fellow* with the American College of Civil Trial Mediators and a *Distinguished Fellow* with the International Academy of Mediators. He is a *Diplomat* with the California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and a member of the Southern California Mediation Association. From time to time during the course of Mr. Corcoran's professional career he has been a member of many associations, including the American Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Consumer Attorneys of California, Southern California Defense Counsel, as well as the Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino County Bar Associations. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Riverside County Bar Association and as the President of the Riverside County Barristers (1985).

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Tim Corcoran was raised in the Southern California communities of West Covina and Claremont. He graduated from Damien High School, attended the Virginia Military Institute and graduated from the University of Southern California. While at USC he served as a Congressional intern for the late Jerry L. Pettis. Tim then went to San Diego to attend the Thomas Jefferson University College of Law where he served on the Law School's Law Review entitled the Criminal Justice Journal. While in Law School Tim clerked for the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego. After graduation and admission to the California State Bar, Tim began his law career working for the late Judge Tony Piazza in Victorville and Redlands. In 1981, Tim joined the law firm of Thompson & Colegate in Riverside where he specialized in insurance defense litigation as well as police misconduct and medical malpractice litigation. In 1989, he left the firm and opened his own practice in San Bernardino. Tim was also an instructor at the California Southern School of Law in Riverside where he taught the art of Trial Practice for approximately 5 years. For the next several years Tim enjoyed a solo practice where he concentrated in the areas of personal injury litigation, family law, juvenile law, criminal law and general civil law. Tim has continued his professional education by attending the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law and Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. Tim has also presented continuing legal education seminars covering dispute resolution topics.

Prior to 1990 Mr. Corcoran began hearing judicial arbitrations on a regular basis. At the urging of many colleagues and members of the judiciary, Tim commenced a full time ADR practice. Since moving from San Bernardino to Redlands, Tim has focused exclusively on meditations and arbitrations.