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## *Biographical Information*

### **Rande S. Sotomayor, Esq.**

#### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:**

Mrs. Sotomayor has been an active mediator and arbitrator since 2004, combining her dispute resolution practice with her private litigation and business practice.

In the private practice of law for more than 25 years, with significant trial, arbitration, and appellate experience, she has resolved hundreds of legal disputes, either as neutral or advocate, in cases involving first party insurance bad faith, ERISA benefits, home warranty, unfair trade practices, consumer, title insurance, third party coverage, motor vehicle warranty, municipal law, land use, personal injury, premises liability, employment, construction, and general commercial issues.

Mrs. Sotomayor's common-sense and cost-effective approach has achieved consistently excellent results and early dispute resolution for clients and parties. As a mediator, Mrs. Sotomayor brings time-tested skills to the table as a neutral, reducing or eliminating the emotional charge of the dispute and the process, and creatively exploring all avenues to dispute resolution. Employing both facilitative and evaluative techniques, Mrs. Sotomayor helps to solve problems in an efficient and cost-conscious manner.

She is a Past President of National Charity League, Pasadena Area Chapter.

- Full spectrum of civil litigation capability including plaintiff and defense work, as well as all phases of litigation, through trial and appeal, in both state and federal courts
- Proven dispute resolution and neutral evaluation specialist
- Crisis and risk management; cost-effective problem solver
- Litigation supervision and management, including cost-containment and cost-reduction strategies
- Outstanding oral and written communicator

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**EXPERIENCE:**

**Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP** (following with Bannan, Frank & Terzian)  
Partner Los Angeles, CA  
2008-2010

Partner in 85-attorney general business law firm. Civil litigation practice includes first party insurance bad faith, ERISA benefits, home warranty, unfair trade practices, consumer, third party coverage, motor vehicle warranty, and general commercial disputes. Business practice includes consulting with and representing corporate clients in contract negotiation, insurance claims handling issues, insurance coverage, pre-litigation dispute resolution, and crisis and risk management. Manage all phases of litigation, through trial and appeal, in state and federal courts throughout California. Developed practice as a mediator and arbitrator, as a private provider, and on the Pro Bono and Party Pay Panels at the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

**Bannan, Frank & Terzian, LLP** Associate/Of  
Counsel Los Angeles, CA  
1996-2008

Of Counsel and Partner in 12-attorney statewide civil litigation firm. Managed all phases of civil business litigation, including defending and prosecuting insurance, home warranty, commercial, consumer, title insurance, and motor vehicle warranty cases. Business practice included contract review and negotiation, risk management, and consultation on municipal law, first amendment, and land use issues. Trained and initiated practice in mediation and arbitration.

**Adams, Duque & Hazeltine** Associate/Of  
Counsel Los Angeles, CA  
1983-1996

Litigation Associate and Of Counsel in 100-attorney general business law firm. Significant early trial and arbitration responsibility, as well as extensive law and motion practice, in the areas of commercial, insurance, redevelopment, product liability, employment, and land use litigation.

**EDUCATION:**

**Washington University in St. Louis**  
J.D., 1983  
**Duke University**  
1980

B.A. (*magna cum laude*),