

## *Biographical Information* **THOMAS C. WATTS III, Esq.**

Tom Watts is described by his colleagues as a “quick study” in complex disputes with a “fast grasp of issues”. He “understands the parties and the lawyers that represent them”. He is “patient, persistent, and polite”.

Mr. Watts has been an arbitrator and mediator on superior court panels for more than 20 years, assisting in the resolution of hundreds of cases involving a wide variety of business, real-estate, contract, employment, trade secret, commercial, personal injury and catastrophic property damage. He is widely accepted as an objective neutral, known for his respectful approach to the people he serves.

A member of the California Bar since 1977, Mr. Watts is also admitted to California’s District Courts, The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit of the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. Over those years Mr. Watts has developed a strong background of experience and understanding in civil litigation and transactional conflicts. His close personal connection to clients carries over into his dispute resolution practice approach.

While involved in the trial or resolution of cases throughout the state, Mr. Watts has strong roots in Southern California. Married for 30 years, he is the father of two daughters. He is an avid outdoorsman. Mr. Watts is active in civic affairs, currently serving on the Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation Commission. He attended Chapman University, Western State Law School and more recently earned the Master of Laws degree from the highly prestigious and nationally acclaimed *Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine Law school*.

