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OVERVIEW

Steve Adelman has been practicing law in San Jose since 1973, with an emphasis on real estate and construction litigation. He has been a partner with MMCN since 1986, and, in addition to his litigation practice, has served as a mediator, contract arbitrator, special master, and court-appointed referee in a number of cases. He was lead appellate counsel in *Liton General Engineering Contractor v. United Pacific Insurance*, which dealt with the rights of public works claimants to attorney's fees from the surety on a payment bond in the absence of a contractual right to such fees. He has lectured on various issues, including foreclosure rights of secured lenders, legal malpractice in the area of mechanic's lien, stop notice and bond law, and the obligations of real estate agents and brokers to their principals.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Many state court cases involving the rights and responsibilities of brokers, agents, and sellers of residential real property.
- Successful representation of a withdrawing partner in a complex partnership accounting where the valuation of real property and income-producing improvements were at issue.
- Obtained a favorable result for a limited liability company in a lawsuit against its accountants for erroneous tax advice which caused the client to forego the completion of an IRC 1031 exchange.
- Successfully represented a developer in connection with a lawsuit against client brought by developer of adjacent property seeking reimbursement for infrastructure improvements to both properties.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Member, American Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

Member, Santa Clara County Bar Association

Lecturer, Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company and Lorman Education Services

Special Master, Santa Clara County Superior Court

PUBLISHED CASES

Liton General Engineering Contractor v. United Pacific Insurance (1993) 16 Cal.App.4th 577

EDUCATION

J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley, 1973

B.A., Political Science. Columbia University, 1970