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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Mediation:**

JAMS San Francisco, CA 2019-present

Mediation of wide range of family, commercial, workplace, and community matters.  
Subject-matter areas include copyright, patent and trademark infringement, contract,  
insurance coverage and bad faith, employment/wrongful termination, business torts, civil  
rights, divorce and related issues, probate and elder disputes

Mediation Offices of Stephen H. Sulmeyer, J.D., Ph.D., Corte Madera, CA 2001-2019

Mediation of wide range of family, commercial, workplace, probate and elder disputes

Northern California Mediation Center, San Rafael, CA 2002-2018

Affiliated mediator focusing primarily on divorce mediation

**Psychotherapy:**

Private psychotherapy practice, Corte Madera, CA, 2004-present

General clinical practice with existential-analytic orientation

Psychological Intern and Psychological Assistant, 1999-2004

**Law:**

Law Offices of Stephen H. Sulmeyer, Santa Monica and San Rafael, CA, 1993-1998

Litigation practice focusing on intellectual property, complex business litigation, and  
other civil matters

Other legal affiliations included Graham & James and Morgan, Lewis & Bockius

ADR PANELS:

Member, Mediation Panel for the Marin and Alameda County Superior Courts

Member, Mediation Panel for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Calif.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA, 2001

J.D., Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, 1983

B.A., with distinction (History), Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 1980

## MEDIATION TRAINING

Commercial Mediation Training, Professional Mediation Associates (2001)  
Mediation Training, Steven Rosenberg, Esq. (2001)  
Appellate Mediation Training, First District Court of Appeals (2004)  
Mediation Training, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (2006)  
Mediation Intensive Training, Center for Mediation in Law (2008)  
Elder Mediation Training, Elder Mediation Group (2009)  
Trainings and workshops at innumerable dispute resolution conferences (2002 - present)

## COLLABORATIVE LAW TRAINING

Innumerable (2006 - present)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, 2001-2003  
Judge Pro Tem, Marin County Superior Court, Small Claims Division, 2004-2005  
Founder and settlement panelist of Marin County Superior Court's Interdisciplinary Settlement Conference Program, Civil and Family divisions, 2007-present  
Founder and president, Integrative Mediation Bay Area, 2011-2018 (now president emeritus)

## WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS I'VE TAUGHT

*What Every Mediator Needs to Know About Psychology*, Marin and San Francisco Bar Associations, various dispute resolution conferences, Ninth Circuit mediators, 2003-2019  
*The Psychology of Effective Mediation*, Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California, 2005  
*Transforming Family Law Practice*, daylong retreat/training, Family Law Section of the Marin County Bar Association, 2006 (with Hon. Lynn Duryee and Eileen Barker)  
*What Every Judge Needs to Know About Borderline Personality Disorder*, Marin Superior Court, 2006  
*Advanced Psychological Skills for Collaborative Professionals*, CP-Cal, 2008  
*Getting to the Emotional Truth of the Case*, CP-Cal, 2011  
*The Interdisciplinary Settlement Conference*, AFCC National Conference, Orlando, FL, 2011  
*Mediating in the Shadow of the Heart: Integrating Intellectual and Emotional Intelligence in Dispute Resolution*, Northern California Mediation Center, San Rafael, CA 2012, 2013  
*The Legal Case and the Emotional Case*, IACP European Conference, Edinburgh, UK, 2012  
*Getting to the Heart of the Matter*, daylong mediation trainings, London and Brighton, UK 2013  
*Screening for and Working with Power Imbalances*, AFCC National Conference, Toronto, 2014 (with Hilary Linton)  
*Integrative Mediation*, ACR National Conference, Reno, NV, 2015, with Kathleen Adams, LCSW; APFM National Conference, Washington DC, 2015 (same)  
*Transforming Impasse From Problem Into Opportunity*, IACP Annual Forum, Washington, D.C., 2015; ABA ADR Section Spring Conference, 2016; Collaborative Divorce Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C., 2016; CP-Cal, 2016; Collaborative Practice San Mateo County, 2017; Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference, Seattle, WA 2018  
*The Interdisciplinary Settlement Conference: Eight Years of Insights and Experience*, AFCC Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, 2016, with Hon. Beverly Wood  
*Integrative Mediation Trainings*, one- and two-day, San Francisco Bay Area and Vancouver, B.C., 2012, 2014, 2016  
*Mediator Resilience and Effective Work with High Conflict in Family Mediation*, AFCC Annual Conference, Boston, MA 2017

*Beyond Interest-Based Negotiation*, IACP Annual Forum, Philadelphia, PA 2017; Collaborative Divorce Texas, Austin, TX 2018; Charlotte Collaborative Divorce, Charlotte, NC 2019  
*Emotional Outcroppings and What to Do With Them*, IACP Annual Forum, Seattle, WA (2018) (with Mark Springfield)  
*Peacemaking Strategies in Trauma-Informed Family Mediation*, AFCC Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (2018)  
*Mediator Resilience*, Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference, Seattle, WA (2018)  
*Emotional Intelligence for Lawyers*, Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference, Seattle, WA (2019)  
*The Heart of Conflict: Giving Voice to Non-Material Needs*, IACP Annual Forum, Chicago, IL (2019) (with Nancy Cameron)  
*Emotional Closure*, IACP Annual Forum (virtual) (2020) (with Yuval Berger)  
*Collaborative Mediation*, IACP Annual Forum (virtual) (with Kevin Scudder and Judith Sterling)  
*Building a Successful Mediation Practice*, APFM Annual Conference (virtual) (2020) (with Woody Mosten)  
*Child Custody Judicial Settlement Conferences: Strategies and Best Practices*, AFCC Annual Conference (virtual) (2021) (with Judge Beverly Wood)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association for Conflict Resolution  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution  
Bar Association of San Francisco, ADR Section  
Marin County Bar Association, ADR Section (chair 2005)  
American Psychological Association  
Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy  
International Association of Collaborative Professionals  
Collaborative Practice Marin  
Integrative Mediation Bay Area (founder and president 2008-2018)

## PUBLICATIONS

“Managing the High-Conflict Litigant,” co-authored with Hon. Lynn Duryee, *California Courts Review*, Fall 2008  
“What is Mindfulness, and What Does it Have to do with Lawyering?” *Marin County Bar Association Newsletter*, January 2012  
“The Interdisciplinary Settlement Conference: A Grass Roots Alternative for Resolving High-Conflict Parenting Disputes in Lean Times,” co-authored with Hon. Verna Adams and Hon. Beverly Wood, *Family Court Review*, October, 2015  
“Collaborative Mediation: Has Its Time Come?,” *Collaborative Review*, Spring, 2020  
“Mediating During the Corona Virus Pandemic,” *Daily Journal*, May 12, 2020  
“Tips to Master Mediation Advocacy,” *Daily Journal*, April 9-30, 2021, co-authored with Hon. Wynne Carvill  
“Managing High-Conflict Personalities—A Missing Piece,” *Collaborative Review*, Spring 2022