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## MEDIATOR AND ARBITRATOR

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Willoughby, Stuart & Bening shareholder Ronald Cook, a seasoned attorney and ADR professional, not only helps resolve matters quickly and efficiently, but understands how to get there by overcoming difficult coverage issues. Mr. Cook specializes in insurance coverage and all forms of litigation that are often the subject of insurance claims. He relates to all parties involved in mediation because he has seen both sides, representing many plaintiffs and defendants as a litigator.

Mr. Cook serves as a court-appointed arbitrator, settlement judge pro tem, and private binding arbitrator and mediator. He has had particular success in the following:

- **Resolving cases where coverage is an impediment to settlement.** Insurance companies often refuse to settle or pay full value when they conclude the incident or damage is not covered. Conversely, plaintiffs often fail to factor in coverage when evaluating claims and therefore refuse to reduce their demands to account for the potential absence of coverage.
- **First-party coverage disputes between policyholders and carriers,** including providing insight into how coverage battles after underlying litigations will turn out.
- **Multitude of settlements of disputes that do not involve coverage** in the personal injury, real estate, and construction defect and business litigation fields. In his 25 years of practice, Mr. Cook has seen all forms of disputes and believes veteran litigators with excellent people skills and varied life experiences make outstanding mediators.

In addition to insurance, his practice includes commercial litigation, construction, real estate, personal liability and landlord-tenant law. He has been selected by his peers to be included in *"The Best Lawyers in America"*, a Top Lawyer by *"Corporate Counsel"*, and is a Northern California *"Super Lawyer"*. Mr. Cook is also a frequent guest lecturer and contributor to legal publications.

Mr. Cook obtained his J.D. from the University Of Oregon School Of Law and served as an extern for the Judiciary Committee of the Oregon State Legislature. He holds a B.A. from the University of California, San Diego.

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## CURRENT RATES AND TERMS

Mr. Cook's 2011 fee for mediations is \$395 per hour. There are no charges for file set up or cancellation fees. Mr. Cook hosts mediations at his San Jose Law office where lunch is included for all participants. He is also willing to mediate outside the office and does not charge for local travel.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Cook directly.