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Signature Resolution Welcomes the Honorable Halim Dhanidina (Ret.) to Panel of Neutrals

Former Second District Court of Appeal justice and Los Angeles County Superior Court judge joins alternative dispute resolution firm

LOS ANGELES (July 18th, 2023) - <u>Signature Resolution</u>, a leader in alternative dispute resolution, announced today the Honorable Halim Dhanidina (Ret.) is joining the firm. With more than 25 years of legal expertise, Justice Dhanidina's diverse background as a lawyer, Superior Court judge and Court of Appeal justice will offer impartiality and perceptiveness as a neutral party.

"As a justice, I'm dedicated to providing proper guardrails for the court through various decisions and rulings to exercise appropriate discretion for all parties," said Justice Dhanidina. "I believe a successful neutral must possess the ability to be sensitive to the needs and goals of everyone involved and look forward to bringing this philosophy into my new role at Signature Resolution."

Dario Higuchi, Signature Resolution founding partner and managing member, commented, "Justice Dhanidina brings his multifaceted experience to Signature Resolution. Through his tenure with the Second District Court of Appeal and Los Angeles County Superior Court, he has built a unique career overseeing various elements of the trial process. Additionally, he has formed an engaged and diplomatic mediation style, making him a valuable addition to our panel."

Before joining Signature Resolution, Justice Dhanidina served as an associate justice for the Second District Court of Appeal and became the first South Asian justice in California and the first Muslim Court of Appeal justice in the U.S. In his role, he gained great respect from his colleagues on the trial court, having reviewed nearly 1,000 appeals spanning various disciplines, including family, employment, business litigation, and probate. Additionally, Justice Dhanidina had the opportunity to bring a contemporary perspective to cases where the authority in place was based on antiquated judgments.

Before his Court of Appeal appointment, Justice Dhanidina served as a judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court and presided over multiple notable cases that significantly impacted both his career and those affected by the verdict. He was also the first Muslim superior court judge appointed in the State of California.

Justice Dhanidina's extensive experience teaching trial practice at the University of California, Los Angeles, University of California Irvine, and Chapman University law schools furthers his credibility as a reputable mediator. His experience as a lawyer and his nine years in the California Second District Court of Appeal and Los Angeles County Superior Court have

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broadened his perspective of the legal system and deepened his understanding of each role's distinct challenges.

To learn more about Justice Dhanidina, please visit <u>https://signatureresolution.com/neutral-</u> <u>CPT/hon-halim-dhanidina-ret/</u>.

About Signature Resolution

Established in 2017 in the heart of Los Angeles, Signature Resolution comprises a panel of distinguished neutrals hailing from diverse backgrounds, including respected judges and trial attorneys specializing in virtually every civil practice area. The founding partners inaugurated the organization with a vision of providing the highest level of service and convenience for attorneys and their clients. Signature Resolution's panelists offer unrivaled expertise and commitment to resolve even the most challenging legal matters. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution services, visit https://signatureresolution.com.

