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### **Bruce A. Edwards Joins Signature Resolution's Panel of Neutrals**

*Alternative dispute resolution firm welcomes experienced mediator, arbitrator, and special master*

**LOS ANGELES (August 1, 2023)** - [Signature Resolution](#), a leader in alternative dispute resolution, announced today that Bruce A. Edwards is joining the firm's prestigious panel of neutrals. With over 35 years of experience in mediation and arbitration, Edwards will specialize in business litigation, class action, construction, insurance, labor and employment, mass tort, personal injury and wrongful death mediation, making him a valued addition to the firm.

"Being invited into someone's dispute is a sacred invitation and should be respected above all else," said Edwards. "The level of emotional and psychological preparation to assist clients requires considerable self-reflection, training and mental focus. Mediators have the power to effect change in their clients' lives, and I embrace this process with humility, patience, and curiosity. I look forward to continuing my mediation through this new role at Signature Resolution."

Dario Higuchi, Signature Resolution founding partner and managing member, commented, "Bruce has developed a thoughtful and proactive approach to mediation and arbitration from his decades of handling various disputes. He is a pioneer in the industry and extremely well-respected for his work, making him a valuable addition to our panel."

Edwards graduated from law school in 1981 and began working for Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold in San Francisco as a litigation partner. Early in his career, he realized that resolving disputes through litigation did not address the root causes of conflict and often further polarized those involved. He began experimenting with bringing people together in unscripted ways to talk about conflict, drawing on his educational background in both law and psychology. Inspired by the success and progress of these conversations, he left his law practice in 1991 to establish one of the first mediation companies in the United States. He co-founded the Bates Edwards Group, and through a partnership with Endispute, the firm grew to become the largest attorney mediation company in the country. Edwards played a pivotal role as co-founder, Chief Mediator, Executive Vice President, and eventually Chairman of the Board of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, which merged with Endispute/Bates Edwards Group in 1994.

In Edwards' mediation work, he emphasizes the importance of education and skill development, particularly in mediation advocacy, as fundamental pillars. In 2014, Edwards co-founded The Edwards Mediation Academy, an online training platform, with the goal of providing aspiring mediators, mediation advocates and other dispute resolution professionals with the highest quality skill development. He has taught in-person mediation training in over

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25 countries, and here in the United States at the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

To learn more about Bruce Edwards, please visit <https://signatureresolution.com/neutral-CPT/bruce-a-edwards/>.

### **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>.

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