

## **Signature Resolution Welcomes Hon. Eddie C. Sturgeon (Ret.) to Panel of Neutrals**

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**LOS ANGELES (April 16, 2024)** - [Signature Resolution](#), a leader in alternative dispute resolution, is pleased to welcome Hon. Eddie C. Sturgeon (Ret.) to its panel of neutrals. With a career spanning over five decades, Judge Sturgeon brings a wealth of experience and expertise in general civil matters to the firm following his 26-year tenure on the San Diego Superior Court bench.

"Throughout my career, I've learned that effective resolution isn't just about legal expertise—it's about empathy, active listening and guiding parties towards common ground," said Judge Sturgeon. "Whether presiding over landmark cases or teaching judicial education, I've witnessed firsthand the value of constructive dialogue in achieving meaningful outcomes. I'm excited to put these lessons into practice in my new role. Putting understanding and collaboration first can pave the way for positive resolutions."

Judge Sturgeon's career began as an associate in a San Diego law firm. He swiftly became a partner and practiced with the firm for 14 years before starting his own private practice. Appointed to the El Cajon Municipal Court by Governor George Deukmejian in 1988, he later ascended to the Superior Court of San Diego County in 1998. Known for fairness and expertise, Judge Sturgeon has presided over landmark cases, including the Apple wage and hour case and the Johnson & Johnson pelvic mesh lawsuit, leaving a profound impact on legal precedents and countless lives.

"We are delighted to announce the addition of Judge Sturgeon to the Signature Resolution team. His extensive background in general civil matters, coupled with a successful career as a San Diego Superior Court judge, brings a wealth of knowledge to our panel of neutrals," said Dario Higuchi, Signature Resolution founding partner and managing member. "His track record of facilitating fair and effective dispute resolutions, dedication to constructive dialogue, and commitment to achieving meaningful resolutions all coincide with our mission to provide exceptional dispute resolution services. We warmly welcome him aboard and look forward to his contributions to the continued success and growth of our firm."

With a deep passion for judicial education, Judge Sturgeon has served as faculty at numerous judicial institutes and as Chair of the Center for Judicial Education and Research Committee, including a tenure as Dean of the B. E. Witkin Judicial College from 2009-2010. His journey into law led to a juris doctorate from the University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1973, complemented by a B.A. in economics and political science from San Diego State University.

In his new role as mediator and arbitrator, Judge Sturgeon looks forward to engaging with individuals, listening to their stories and guiding them through the resolution process to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. Drawing from his diverse background and career experience, Judge Sturgeon anticipates handling various cases across all

areas of law, emphasizing active listening, identifying strengths and weaknesses and prompt dispute resolution to alleviate stress for all parties involved.

For more information about Judge Sturgeon and his mediation practice, please visit <https://signatureresolution.com/neutral-CPT/hon-eddie-c-sturgeon-ret/>.

### **About Signature Resolution**

Founded 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. In addition to the Los Angeles location, Signature Resolution also has offices in Century City, San Diego, and Oakland. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution services, visit <https://signatureresolution.com>.

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