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Hon. Drew C. Takaichi (Ret.) Joins Signature Resolution's Panel of Neutrals

Bringing decades of judicial experience and a commitment to effective dispute resolution, former judge joins the firm's Santa Clara office

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (April 28, 2025) - [Signature Resolution](#), a leader in alternative dispute resolution, proudly announces that Hon. Drew C. Takaichi (Ret.) has joined its panel of neutrals, bringing more than 40 years of legal experience to his role as a mediator. Judge Takaichi will be based in Signature Resolution's Santa Clara office, where he will focus on probate, trust and conservatorship matters.

"I am thrilled to join Signature Resolution and continue helping parties navigate challenging issues and work towards settlement," said Judge Takaichi. "With more than 40 years of legal experience, including 14 years on the Santa Clara County Superior Court, I understand the complexities of these cases. As a mediator, my goal is to provide a structured yet personalized approach that helps parties navigate these challenges efficiently and fairly."

Judge Takaichi was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court in 2010 by former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, where he presided over complex probate, trust, and estate disputes, including cases involving high-net-worth individuals and family-owned businesses. His deep knowledge of California probate and trust law, along with his experience managing intricate estate administration issues, makes him a trusted authority in the field. During his time on the bench, he also handled business litigation, real estate disputes and conservatorship matters.

Prior to his judicial career, Judge Takaichi spent nearly three decades in private practice, where he advised clients on estate planning strategies, fiduciary duties and tax considerations related to estate, gift and income planning. His experience representing trustees, executors, and beneficiaries gives him a unique ability to understand the needs of all parties involved in mediation. He is also credited with modernizing the Santa Clara County Probate and Trust Local Rules of Court, including implementing online posting of tentative rulings and Advanced Case Status Reports.

"We are honored to welcome our second Superior Court of Santa Clara County judge, Hon. Drew Takaichi," said Dario Higuchi, founding partner and managing member at Signature Resolution. "With decades of experience as a former practitioner in trust and estates, and judge in the probate department, Judge Takaichi will be a great asset to the dispute resolution community in all of Northern California. We are unaware of any professional who has such expertise and experience in this area."

For more information about Hon. Drew C. Takaichi (Ret.), visit <https://signatureresolution.com/neutral-CPT/hon-drew-c-takaichi-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 Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego and Century City. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution services, visit signatureresolution.com.

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