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**Elizabeth A. Tippin** is recognized as an expert on construction law and dispute resolution. With roughly thirty years of experience as an attorney, she has provided legal services to design professionals, contractors and owners. As a neutral, she has resolved over 1000 disputes as an Arbitrator, Mediator, and Dispute Resolution Board Member. She was an Administrative Law Judge for the State of California Office of Administrative Hearings for five years. She is a member of numerous ADR Panels, including the American Arbitration Association Commercial and Construction Panels. She is an Adjunct Professor teaching construction business and law to Graduate Architectural students. She is known for thorough preparation, technical knowledge, exceptional listening skills, a calming influence, and impartiality.

**CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE**

Ms. Tippin has provided outside general counsel services to architecture, engineering and related design professional firms, contractors and owners. Her experience includes preparation and negotiation of domestic and transnational contracts; risk management consultation and strategy; general business and employee relations; and representation in mediation, arbitration and litigation. Her experience includes a variety of projects including: infrastructure, wind power projects, sewage treatment plants, tunneling and micro-tunneling pipe projects, highway construction, public projects including jails, fire stations, airports, schools, convention centers, private projects involving, banks, theaters, hotels, residential and mixed-use commercial/residential projects. She has experience with a wide range of issues encompassing design error and omission, construction defect, delay and acceleration claims; change order evaluation, fee disputes, additional services analysis; environmental site assessment, hazardous waste, mold, contamination; flood, landslides; land use issues including planning review hearings; Americans with Disabilities Act claims and insurance coverage disputes.

**ALJ, ARBITRATION, MEDIATION, DRB EXPERIENCE**

Administrative Law Judge for five years with broad experience in conducting hearings, arbitrations and mediations for disputes concerning a variety of state agencies

Contractors State License Board Arbitrator for over ten years hearing and deciding cases pertaining to contractors, subcontractors and materials suppliers

Dispute Resolution Board, Member, Omnitrans Vehicle Maintenance Facility, San Bernardino, California

Dispute Resolution Board, Member, CAL Trans and CC Meyers, San Francisco Highway 101 and 280

Appointed as sole arbitrator, panel arbitrator, and mediator for over 1000 cases involving commercial and construction issues

Member of the Commercial and Construction Panels of the American Arbitration Association, and ADR Panels of the United States Bankruptcy Court; California Court of Appeals, several Bay Area Courts

Caltrans Dispute Resolution Board Panel Member  
Colorado Dispute Resolution Board Panel Member

## BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION

Principal, Elizabeth A. Tippin Law + ADR Solutions	1997- Present
Adjunct Professor, Architecture Department, Academy of Art University	2003 - Present
Administrative Law Judge (contract) California Office of Administrative Hearings	2000-2005
Litigator/Mediator/Arbitrator, Pandell Novich & Borsuk	1990-1997
Litigator, Lynch Loofbourrow Helmenstine Gilardi & Grummer	1984-1990
Clerked for the California Court of Appeals	1982
J.D., Golden Gate University, School of Law	1983
B.F.A., Arizona State University	1975

## MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

State Bar of California, Member, Past Appointment Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee,  
American Bar Association, Member, Dispute Resolution Committee and Construction Law Forum  
The Mediation Society, Founding Member and Past President  
Bar Association of San Francisco, Member and Past Chair of the Arbitration Committee  
Dispute Review Board Foundation, Member  
American Institute of Architects, Allied Member, Member Board of Directors 2015  
Northern California International Arbitration Club, Member  
U.S. Green Building Council, Member

Conducted seminars and wrote numerous articles:

*Construction ADR Tools in the Field, Partnering, DRB's, Mediation and Arbitration,*  
*American Bar Association Annual Meeting, paper and presentation*  
*A Field Guild for Dispute Resolution in Construction Projects, American Institute of Architects*  
*The Twinkie Defense Applied to ADR Cases, The Mediation Society*  
*The Legal Issues in Green and Sustainable Design, Half Moon Continuing Education for AEC*  
*Mastering Technical Issues in Real Property ADR Cases, The Mediation Society*  
*Getting to Yes-Using ADR Effectively, Bar Association of San Francisco,*  
*Zen and the Art of Mediator Selection, California State Bar Annual Meeting,*  
*Negotiating at the Mediation Table: Nine Steps to Achieving a Better Outcome, AIA/SF*  
*EEOC Mock Mediation Training Program, Faculty*  
*Negotiating Fee Disputes in the Bankruptcy Era, American Institute of Architects*  
*University of San Francisco, Intensive Advocacy Trial Program, Faculty*  
*Mediation Tips and Strategies, American Institute of Architects*  
*The Paradigm Shift in Conflict Resolution Methodology, Common Ground Magazine*  
*Race, Gender, and Culture in ADR, California State Bar, Annual Meeting,*  
*Mastering Stellar Negotiations Skills I, II and III, Queens Bench Bar Association*  
*Conflict Resolution Strategies, American Institute of Architects*  
*Mediating Criminal Cases, Stanford Law School*  
*Mediating Multi-Party Disputes, Golden Gate University*  
*Americans with Disabilities Act, Victor O'Schinnerer Invited Attorneys Conference*  
*Developing a Mediation Practice, San Francisco Barristers Club*  
*Using Mediation to Resolve Fee Disputes, American Institute of Architects*  
*Conflict Resolution and Personality Type, Bar Association of San Francisco*  
*Mediation Isn't As Easy As Clicking Your Heels, Common Ground Magazine*

## **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING (partial list)**

CAL Trans DRB and DRA Training 2014  
Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, DRB Advanced Chair Training 2013  
Colorado DOT, DRBF Administration and Practice Training 2013  
Caltrans Dispute Review Board Training 2009, 2010, and 2013  
AAA Neutrals Conference 2012, and ongoing training programs 2013, 2014, 2015  
BASF ADA Compliance for Small Businesses 2011  
AAA Fundamentals and Best Practices 2010  
AAA Expedited Commercial Panel Arbitrator Training 2008  
National Arbitration Forum, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2007  
Contractors State Licensing Board, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2007  
Partnership, Reference, and DRB's, State Bar Annual Meeting 2006  
BASF, Advanced Mediator Training 2006  
National Arbitration Forum, Construction Panel Training 2005  
Contractors State Licensing Board, Advanced Arbitrator Training 2004  
California First District Court of Appeal Advanced Mediator Training 2003  
Special Mastering Construction Disputes, Bruce Edwards, Executive Vice President, JAMS, 2003  
Contractors State Licensing Board Arbitrator Training 2003  
California Office of Administrative Hearings Administrative Law Judge Training 2000-2005  
California First District Court of Appeal Mediator Training 2000  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Mediator Training 1998  
Center for Mediation in Law Mediator Training 1996  
American Arbitration Association Mediator Training 1996  
State Bar Attorney Client Fee Dispute Arbitrator Training 1995  
ABA Forum on the Construction Industry 1993  
California Community Dispute Services Mediation/Arbitration Training 1992  
Bar Association of San Francisco, Advance Mediator Training 1991  
United States Arbitration and Mediation Neutrals Training 1990

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

California State Bar, License No. 113253  
California State Bar, Special Master Panel Certification  
U.S.G.B.C. LEED, AP Legacy, 2009  
US Coast Guard HAZMAT 24 Certification  
FEMA ICS 100 Certification  
NOAA, Farallones Marine Sanctuary Surveyor Certification