

# Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services



**A former U.S. District Judge, Stephen G. Larson provides sophisticated counsel and parties with highly experienced, dedicated, and customized dispute resolution services in mediation, arbitration, and private trial settings.**

As U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, Stephen adjudicated over a thousand cases. These included some of the most notable actions to be tried in the Central District, such as:

- *United States v. Nazario*, a landmark Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act case involving U.S. Marines accused of manslaughter during the Battle of Fallujah;
- *John Doe v. County of San Bernardino*, which resulted in systematic reform of educational and therapeutic services for disabled youths within the county juvenile hall system; and
- *Siegel v. Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.*, which determined the ownership of the copyrights to the iconic comic strip Superman.

In nearly 10 years as a judge, Stephen conducted over 400 settlement conferences, and developed a reputation amongst his colleagues and counsel for creativity in resolving the most difficult cases.

As just one example of his skill in this area, the framework Stephen established in *United States v. Duro* involving coordinating efforts between federal, state, Native American, and private authorities and entities, lead to the ultimate resolution of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' decade-long effort to close down and expel a major migrant worker camp on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

- Arbitrator
- Moot trial court
- Private judge
- Appellate court
- Mediator
- Pretrial advice
- Special master
- Hearing advice

Since leaving the bench, Stephen has been called upon to mediate several major commercial disputes and has chaired international arbitration tribunals in bet-the-company disputes. He is on the panel of neutrals for FedArb and the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and is also a member of National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM).

Stephen has arbitrated several complex cases, including chairing an AAA panel in Detroit, Michigan handling a \$100 million claim in the energy sector; appointed as party arbiter by one of the largest litigation firms in the country on a multimillion-dollar fee dispute; and appointed as party arbiter on an International Centre for Dispute Resolution arbitration between two major European energy sector corporations.