

# ROBERT J. SHEPPARD - - *Curriculum Vitae*

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## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

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Real Estate Law, Landlord-Tenant Law, Premises Liability Law, Commercial Disputes, Business Transactions, Tort Law, Personal Injury Law, General Litigation and Trials, Private Mediator/Arbitrator

## **EXPERIENCE**

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### **SHEPPARD • UZIEL LAW FIRM**

#### ***Senior Partner, 1979 - present***

Voted and selected “Northern California Super Lawyer” in the fields of Real Estate Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediations) each year from 2006 to 2020 (for 15 consecutive years). Managed thousands of complex litigation cases (for both plaintiffs and defendants), including commercial litigation cases and numerous “seven figure” tort/premises liability cases. Extensive litigation throughout Bay Area Courts involving real estate, landlord-tenant, wrongful eviction litigation, constructive eviction, unlawful detainer litigation, owner-contractor disputes, homeowner law, homeowner association law, neighbor vs. neighbor disputes. Won numerous “seven figure” recoveries for injured parties and over 100 “six figure” recovery claims for Plaintiffs in real estate claims, wrongful eviction lawsuits, personal injury cases, and commercial disputes. Obtained dozens of defense verdicts in multitude of civil liability cases. Conducted thousands of business and contract negotiations, lease negotiations and drafting. Resolved hundreds of seller-buyer disputes, non-disclosure disputes, owner-contractor disputes, owner-lender disputes, owner-architect disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, condominium disputes, HOA/neighbor disputes, tree removal/damage claims. Litigated thousands of landlord-tenant cases (for both sides) and hundreds of personal injury cases (for injured parties and property owners). Extensive transaction document work for property owners (sale/purchase of real estate, easements, bank documents, construction documents, leases). 40+ years representation of small businesses.

### **EXPERT WITNESS**

#### ***1990 - present***

Expert witness on over 50 occasions in Bay Area Courts, Arbitrations, Fee Disputes and Mediations concerning standard of care for property owners/landlords, tenants, attorneys for property owners, landlords and tenants; contract law.

### **PRIVATE MEDIATOR/ARBITRATOR**

#### ***1998 - present***

Private Mediator/Arbitrator (over 1,800 cases) hired by lawyers, plaintiffs, defendants, insurance companies, hospitals for all types of civil disputes. Past President of The Mediation Society, accomplished Bay Area Mediators.

### **TEMPORARY JUDGE/SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE JUDGE , SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT**

#### ***1986 - present***

Court-certified Temporary Trial Judge and Settlement Conference Judge on over 500 trials/cases. Developed reputation as “efficient and effective” in resolving and adjudicating disputes.

### **CHAIR, SAN FRANCISCO BAR ASSOCIATION REAL PROPERTY SECTION**

#### ***2009 - 2014***

Chair of County Bar Association Real Property Section responsible for putting on seminars on real estate law.

### **LECTURER ON REAL ESTATE LAW AND LANDLORD-TENANT LAW**

#### ***1985 - present***

Frequent Speaker at seminars/continuing legal education courses for Lawyers and Judges on Real Estate and Landlord-Tenant Law, including Continuing Education of the Bar, The Rutter Group, Bar Association of San Francisco, State Bar Conventions

### **REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT LAW**

#### ***1978 - 1979***

Attorney for State of California dealing with permit appeals by developers, property owners and community organizations.

## **EDUCATION**

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, 1971 - 1975, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF LAW, 1975 - 1978, *Juris Doctor Degree*