



Along with the Trusts & Estates and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Sections presents:

# Mediation of Estate and Trust Disputes

*An Update for Mediators and Counsel*



**Hon. Bill Bettinelli (Ret.)**

of JAMS shares his views as judge and mediator, offering insights and suggestions for successful mediation of these difficult cases.



**Jack DeMeo**

offers the view of experienced litigation counsel and mediator, focusing on techniques for successful preparation and client advocacy mediating estate and trust disputes.



**Robert Murray**

of the Arbitration and Mediation Center focuses on the often unspoken, complex and volatile intra-family needs and emotions that underlie most estate and trust disputes.



**Kim Marois, J.D., CPA**

examines the unique tax opportunities available in estate mediations, and alerts us to potentially disastrous property, income, and estate tax hazards.



**Dana Curtis**

provides new perspectives and information about the special problems of mediations involving elders.



**Bill Andrews**

presents a retinue of new and useful tools available, and facilitates the discussion.

**Most estate and trusts disputes are resolved through mediated settlement, rather than at trial. However these cases involve special problems, issues, and opportunities that differ from mediation in other legal arenas. For a successful outcome, both mediators and counsel need to adjust their mediation approach, preparation, and participation accordingly. This program will look at practical problems and steps that should be taken by both mediators and advocates to enhance the chances and content of a successful trust/estate mediated settlement. Updating a similar 2003 program, the veteran panel of experts will highlight new techniques, insights, and procedures that have evolved in estate and trust mediations over the last decade, examining all stages of mediation of such disputes from the perspective of both the mediator and advocates.**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 25, 2010</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2:45 pm check in; 3:00 - 6:00 pm Presentation</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Sonoma County Bar Association, 37 Old Courthouse Square, Suite 100</b>
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