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Practice Limited to Arbitration and Mediation
of Business, Technology and Construction Industry Disputes

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Approach to Mediation & Arbitration	I am an Engineer and former chief executive of a high tech consulting firm that provided proprietary engineering applications to the automotive and telecommunications industries. I have also practiced as a business and construction lawyer. I am confident with complex matters, consider myself a "problem solver" and assert a "leadership role" as Mediator. I am the chapter author for Settlement and Negotiation for ICLE's Michigan Civil Procedure, and I incorporate "interest based" negotiation theories into my practice as a Mediator. I have developed a "Pre-Mediation" protocol involving separate meetings with counsel and principals on each side of the dispute in advance of the formal mediation hearing, exploring interests, expanding options and improving outcomes at the mediation hearing. I am experienced with numerous ADR Processes, and attempt to match the ADR Process to the needs of the parties. I have extensive experience as Mediator with Pre-Litigation and Early Case disputes that can be resolved in a prompt and cost effective manner.
	As Arbitrator, I prefer to be active in managing the Arbitration process, starting with an initial in-person Preliminary Hearing or Management Conference, and depending on circumstances, a Site Inspection or Investigation. At the Hearing, the Rules of Evidence are relaxed, video conferencing is acceptable, Narrative Witness Statements and Tandem Examination of Expert Witnesses (often referred to as "hot tubbing") are encouraged. Dispositive Motions will be considered under proper conditions.
Alternate Dispute Resolution Rosters & Panels of Neutrals	American Arbitration Association - Commercial, Construction & Large Complex Case Panels (Arbitrator since 1980) Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan, ADR Committee Michigan Circuit Court Panel of Civil Mediators for Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties Business Court Case Evaluation Panel, Macomb and Wayne Counties Oakland County Business Court Discovery Facilitator Panel of Experts, Dispute Resolution Experts of Michigan (www.PREMi ADR.com)
Teaching Presentations Publications	Author, Chapter on Settlement and Negotiation, ICLE Michigan Civil Procedure Adjunct Lecturer Wayne State University, Engineering and Construction Law Author & Faculty for SCAO approved Advanced Mediator Training in Med-Arb techniques. Faculty, AAA Arbitrator Training, programs in Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration
Licenses Certifications & Awards	Member, State Bar of Michigan,. U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Michigan American Arbitration Association-Mediation and Arbitration Panels for Construction, Commercial & Large Complex Cases ISO Certified Internal Auditor Former Licensed Residential Builder, State of Michigan AV-Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell Rated Super Lawyer in ADR by Thompson Reuters
Education	Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Detroit, Detroit, MI Master of Science, Civil Engineering, Northwestern University, Evanston, II Juris Doctor, University of Detroit, Detroit, MI
Associations	State Bar of Michigan, Business Law, Litigation, Information Technology, Insurance & Indemnity Law, ADR Sections Macomb County Bar Association, former Co-Chair ADR Committee; Federal Bar Association (EDM) ADR Committee Engineering Society of Detroit, Member ADR Committee Design Build Institute of America, Michigan Chapter, Member of Board of Directors Detroit Athletic Club, Member Facilities Committee, Past Member of Board of Directors, Secretary of Board
Experience in Construction Law Technology and Business	Private practice of Law from 1977, founding partner of the business law firm Jacob & Weingarten. Engaged in a broad range of organizational, transactional and litigation activities representing commercial, high technology and construction industry clients, including owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, engineers and designers. Experienced in Technology and Intellectual Property matters, including patent, trade mark and trade secrets, restrictive covenants and noncompete agreements. Served as President and General Counsel of a client's engineering, technology and construction program management firm; Negotiated Joint Venture and Technology Sharing Agreements with national engineering and construction firms. Full Time Arbitrator and Mediator since 2009.