

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR CLAUDIA J. WRAZEL
Certified Mediator <http://www.wrazelmediation.com>

EDUCATION

1981 **J.D., University of Southern California**
1975 **B.A., University of California, Los Angeles**

EMPLOYMENT

2006-present **MEDIATOR (self-employed)**

Resolution of civil disputes through evaluative and facilitative techniques. Member of approved panel of mediators for Sacramento and Yolo County Superior Courts and for the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District. Member of volunteer panel of settlement conference judges for Sacramento and Yolo County Superior Courts.

2004-2005 **HEARING OFFICER, INSTITUTE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE**

Conducted administrative hearings and issued written orders and decisions in disputes between parents and school districts brought under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and related state laws.

2001-2004 **LEGAL COUNSEL, CALIFORNIA SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Analyzed proposed legislation, advised Committee members, and worked with legislators, staff, lobbyists, and other interested parties in drafting and amending bills.

1997-1999 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
BUTTE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Prosecuted felonies and misdemeanors: Advised law enforcement personnel, filed cases, prepared briefs and motions, negotiated with opposing counsel, and conducted jury trials.

1987-1997 **DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY**
LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Criminal Prosecutor, Van Nuys Branch (1994-1997): Prosecuted misdemeanors, including DUIs, domestic violence, and vehicular manslaughter. As a senior prosecutor, advised and monitored the trial performance of new attorneys.

Criminal Appellate Attorney (1993-1994): Handled criminal writs and appeals. Successfully defended the state's position in People v. Williams (1994) 26 Cal. App.4th Supp. 1, which expanded trial courts' procedural options in resolving challenges to allegations of racial bias in jury selection.

Associate General Counsel, Community Redevelopment Agency (1991-1993): Prepared and reviewed contracts, advised Los Angeles City Council, and worked with neighborhood groups on redevelopment projects.

Criminal Prosecutor, Downtown Branch (1987-1991): Prosecuted misdemeanors. Part of a four-attorney team that successfully prosecuted over 1300 defendants charged with trespass in three Operation Rescue anti-abortion demonstrations in 1987-1988 – a process that involved conducting mass jury trials of up to 30 defendants at a time.

1986-1987 FELLOW, CORO FOUNDATION

One of 48 fellows chosen nationwide for this year-long public policy internship.

1981-1986 ASSOCIATE, GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER

Emphasis on civil litigation at this multinational law firm.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California District Attorney's Association (CDAA): Lecturer, "Preparing for and Prosecuting Mass Trials," 1991 and 1994.

Los Angeles City Attorney's Office: Co-trainer, New Prosecutors Class of 1994.

CERTIFICATES, HONORS AND AWARDS

Certified Mediator, 2007 (Third Appellate District)
Certified Mediator, 2005 (Yolo County Superior Court)
Certified Mediator, 1992 (Los Angeles County Bar Association)
Member of Law Review, USC Law School, 1979-1981
Phi Beta Kappa, UCLA, 1975

PUBLICATIONS

"Considering the Death Penalty from a Juror's Perspective," Did You Know. . ., Vol. 3, No. 12 (CDAA, December 1997)

Note, "Limiting Liability for the Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress: The Bystander Recovery Cases," Southern California Law Review, Vol. 54, May 1981.

PERSONAL

Volunteer mortgage loan counselor, Senior Legal Hotline
Winner of Sacramento Volunteer Spirit Award, 2010
Actress, Sacramento community theatre productions