



HON. MICHAEL J. SENG

U.S. Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (Ret.)

Honorable Michael J. Seng (Ret.) has an extensive range of experience in civil litigation on both sides of general civil litigation cases, in disputes involving tax, business, real estate and estate planning, personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, contract, Uniform Commercial Code, property, crop loss, and domestic relations. He has worked as an arbitrator, mediator, and also represented parties in arbitrations and mediations. His ADR experience has extended over his career as a practicing lawyer and a judge, which has given him a unique opportunity to

understand every aspect of a case and the importance of a neutral.

Throughout his career and up until he took the bench, Hon. Judge Seng's practice focused on attorneys, Certified Public Accountants, and banking professionals in malpractice actions, allowing him to develop ethical and practice standards of care applicable to a range of matters from domestic relations to toxic tort. From 1995 through 2006, he served as a Fresno County Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore, acting as an arbitrator or a settlement conference judge/mediator in approximately 70 cases. In the latter part of his practice, Judge Seng dealt with bankruptcy preference issues, fraudulent conveyances, and ERISA issues. In 2010, the judges of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California selected Judge Seng to serve an eight-year term as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of California. Judge Seng not only presided over all criminal cases originating in Yosemite National Park, but also over the full range of civil cases originating in the Fresno federal court, trying over 35 cases to judgement/verdict and presided over discovery, disputes, and settlement sessions.

Judge Seng is available to arbitrate and mediate matters throughout the states of California and Tennessee.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

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| ■ Agriculture | ■ Employment Law | ■ Professional Liability/Malpractice (Non-Medical) |
| ■ Attorney Malpractice/Legal Ethics | - Title VII Discrimination | ■ Real Estate Law |
| ■ Banking/Finance/Accounting | - Wage and Hour Law | ■ Taxation |
| ■ Business/Corporate/Partnership | - Wrongful Termination | ■ Toxic Torts |
| ■ Class Action/Mass Filings | ■ Insurance | ■ Trusts & Estates/Probate |
| ■ Commercial | ■ Medical Malpractice | ■ Workers' Compensation |
| ■ Construction Defect | ■ Personal Injury | |
| | - Premises Liability | |
| | - Product Liability | |

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, "An Orientation to Federal Court", Association of Business Trial Lawyers, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, one-and-one half hour MCLE approved course, 2017
- Speaker, "Federal Trial Training: A Demonstration of Federal Civil Rights Trial Techniques", Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, presided over multiple successive presentations, six-hour MCLE approved course, 2016
- Presenter, "Managing an Arbitration," Connecticut Bar Institute, 2017

- Co-presenter, "Civil Rights Litigation", Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, one of two judge panel, two-hour MCLE approved course, 2015
- Speaker, "Bias", Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, three-hour MCLE approved course, 2015
- Speaker, "Sequoia/Kings Canyon Law Enforcement Ranger Legal Update Training", two hour required bi-annual training, 2014
- Co-presenter, "Ethical Considerations of Limited Scope Representation in Domestic Violence Cases", Legal Services presentation, one of several successive speakers, one-hour MCLE approved segment, 2013
- Speaker, "Avoiding Sanctions, Discipline and Malpractice in, and on the Road to, the Courtroom", Federal Bar Association, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, one of three judge panel, three-hour MCLE approved course, 2012
- Presenter, "Arbitration of Family Law Matters," Connecticut Bar CLE program, 2012

HONORS and AWARDS

- Chair of FMJA Diversity Committee
- Special Deputy Trial Counsel, Office of the Chief Trial Counsel, California Bar Court, 1996 - 2008

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- United States Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, 2019 - 2020
- United States Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 2010 - 2018
- United States Administrative Law Judge, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review - Social Security Administration, 2008 - 2010
- Partner/Civil Litigator, Seng & Stratton Attorneys at Law, 2002 - 2008
- Partner, Farley Seng DeSantos & Green Attorneys at Law, 1997 - 2002
- Partner, Blumberg Seng Ikeda & Green A Professional Corporation Attorneys at Law (and predecessor entities), 1978 - 2008
- Staff Attorney, Office of Hearings and Appeals - Social Security Administration, 1975 - 1978

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- State of California, 1975
- State of Tennessee, 1976

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of California
- California Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers, San Joaquin Valley Chapter
- Fresno County Bar Association
- Ninth Circuit Courts and Community Committee
- Magistrate Judges Education Committee, the Federal Magistrate Judges Association (FMJA) Diversity Committee
- Eastern District of California Rules Committee and History Committee

EDUCATION

- University of Tennessee, College of Law, J.D., 1975
- University of Tennessee, B.S., 1969