

ADR

This section is dedicated to the professional education of its members, and to be a bridge between the membership, the ADR staff, the courts and the public in matters involving dispute resolution. The members of this section are lawyers who are also practitioners of mediation, arbitration, neutral case evaluation and special mastering. The section plans general luncheon meetings every two to three months and a seminar at the MCLE Spectacular in November. These meetings are in addition to special events and cocktail mixers. Board meetings are held bi-monthly except in the summer.

Chair

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Wayne Smith has practiced law in Contra Costa County for 36 years, and has devoted an increasing part of his professional life to ADR matters, particularly mediation. He has participated in over 200 mediations in the past 10 years, including other ADR proceedings, evaluations and arbitrations. He has served as a mediator in over 150 matters, many of which were referred out of the Contra Costa County ADR program, and in many where he was retained as a private mediator. He has been an active member of the ADR Court Committee, now merged with the ADR Section, for many years. In addition to his membership with the CCCBA, Wayne is also a member of the California Bar and related ADR Section, and a member of the ADRNC. His areas of practice are real estate, business law, estates and probate, and general civil law.

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APPELLATE

The Appellate Section — formed in 1991 — focuses on continuing education and the improvement of appellate advocacy. Members include attorneys whose practice is devoted to appeals and writs as well as trial lawyers interested in enriching their understanding of the appellate process and issues. The section hosts periodic MCLE seminars. Seminar speakers have included appellate court justices, appellate and supreme court research attorneys, and attorneys with special expertise with appeals, writs and post-trial motions.

The Appellate Section welcomes all lawyers and law students to join and attend programs. Many programs will have broad appeal to litigators and will be presented in partnership with the Litigation Section. Section membership is \$25 annually. The section has been approved as a provider of appellate specialty educational credits, an extra benefit for attorneys who are, or are seeking to become, certified appellate specialists. If you wish to join this section, please contact the chair or the CCCBA.

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Gary Watt chairs his firm's appellate practice section and handles complex commercial litigation at the trial court level. He handles appeals in all the state appellate courts, including the Supreme Court, and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Gary is an adjunct professor of appellate advocacy at Hastings College of the Law and faculty coach of Hastings' National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition team, National Champions in 2005. His law practice articles are frequently published in *The Recorder* and the *Daily Journal*. He is a graduate of California State University, Hayward (economics) and received his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.



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BARRISTERS

The Barristers Section seeks to provide attorneys in practice six years and less with quality education and networking opportunities, as well as opportunities to contribute to the community. Membership is free to all Contra Costa County Bar Association attorney members in practice for six years or less. For information about upcoming events, please see the monthly CCCBA calendar insert or contact a board member.

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