

For nearly 35 years Mr. Oesterreich's civil trial practice has focused principally on personal injury matters in the areas of premises liability, product liability, transportation/motor vehicle, business litigation and professional malpractice. Although the last 30 years have been on the "defense side", Mr. Oesterreich's experience in his early years involved the representation of both plaintiffs and defendants while litigating cases for a general practice firm. This background provides an insight into the intricacies of the claims process as well as the obstacles a plaintiff might face in reaching resolution. This unique perspective gives Mr. Oesterreich the ability to appreciate the challenges presented to each side in a dispute, increasing the chances a difficult case can ultimately be resolved.

For over twenty years, Mr. Oesterreich has volunteered services as both an arbitrator and mediator under programs in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Superior courts. Participation in these programs provided Mr. Oesterreich with the opportunity to broaden his experience outside that presented by his personal practice to include a wider range of civil cases - such as employment matters and more complex commercial disputes.

In addition to his formal education and general litigation experience, Mr. Oesterreich completed intensive training from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law. Additionally, Mr. Oesterreich participates in continuing education for the Temporary Judge program in Orange County.

The following is a brief illustration of the type of cases Mr. Oesterreich has handled as a neutral (mediator or arbitrator):

- **Personal Injury:** Premises Liability; Motor Vehicle Negligence/Transportation; UM/UIM; Catastrophic Injuries/Wrongful Death; Products Liability
- **Professional Liability:** Legal Malpractice; Accountant and Insurance Broker Malpractice; Real Estate Agents/Brokers Errors and Omissions;
- **Business Litigation:** Breach of Contract; Trade Secrets; Partnership Dissolution; Employment - Wage and Hour, FEHA.

Mr. Oesterreich practices primarily in Southern California but is available to assist in cases throughout California.