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## **Summary of Qualifications**

John E. Altstadt specializes in assisting attorneys and their clients in summarizing economic, financial and accounting data related to litigation matters and providing expert testimony. Mr. Altstadt has practiced in the fields of accounting and consulting for over twenty-eight years. During that period, he has provided many services related to employer/employee, shareholder and partnership matters. His audit clients have included entities involved in transportation, retail, distribution, medical devices, financial services, real estate and non-profit. Mr. Altstadt has provided a variety of services including audit, review and compilations; corporate and individual tax planning and compliance work; and various consulting engagements such as buy/sell analysis and loan restructuring. In the specialized practice area of dispute consulting, Mr. Altstadt has provided a variety of services including expert witness testimony, damage assessment and evaluation, business valuation, forensic accounting, fraud investigations, lost profits and lost earnings analysis, liability analysis and pre-trial discovery assistance.

## **Experience**

**May 1998 to Present** - Co-Owner - Altstadt Consulting

**May 1998 to June 2006** - Co-Founder and Partner - Lit.Econ LLP

**October 1996 to May 1998** - Senior Manager, Dispute Consulting Services, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Costa Mesa, California

**May 1995 to October 1996** - Senior Manager, Dispute Analysis and Corporate Recovery, Price Waterhouse LLP, Costa Mesa, California

**August 1986 to May 1995** - Various managerial positions in the audit and litigation services groups of KPMG Peat Marwick, Costa Mesa, California

**June 1980 to August 1986** - Various staff positions, Parke, Guptill & Co., C.P.A.s, Newport Beach and West Covina, California

## **Education**

Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting, California State University, Fullerton, June 1980

## **Volunteer Experience**

President, Constitutional Rights Foundation of Orange County  
Treasurer, Public Law Center of Orange County  
Committee Chair, Orange County Bar Association  
President, Supporting Cast of South Coast Repertory Theater  
Board Member, Center 500 of Orange County Performing Arts Center

## **Memberships**

Association of Business Trial Lawyers - Associate Member  
Orange County Trial Lawyers - Associate Member

## **Selected Engagements**

*CAMT, Inc. v. Merle Yost* (Robert Currie - Latham & Watkins) Mr. Altstadt analyzed the damages claimed by a minority shareholder in an Orange County Toyota dealership.

*Presley Wilkes v. Barbara Hill* (Mitchell Shapiro - Shapiro, Posell, Rosendfeld & Close) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert in Superior Court (San Bernardino County, California) on behalf of the plaintiff in a breach of contract matter involving a disputed option to purchase a minority share of a Ford dealership.

*Michael Smits v. Jim Lukens* Mr. Altstadt quantified the value of the 10% interest of the minority shareholder in a Nissan dealership in a wrongful termination matter.

*Doris Weiss v. Kramer Motors, Inc.* (Margaret Henry - Henry & Tenner) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert in Superior Court (Los Angeles County, California) on behalf of the defendant in a discrimination matter.

*Geoff Fearnis v. Baldwin Builders* (Ralph Blakeney - Pillsbury Madison & Sutro) Mr. Altstadt quantified the damages suffered by one of three executives of Baldwin Builders from the loss of compensation resulting from profits of three large residential projects.

*Orval Paul v. Timothy Valles* (John Samberg - Bisno & Samberg) Mr. Altstadt evaluated the operations of a Southern California Nissan dealership in a breach of fiduciary duty matter.

*William Karges v. Dellis Montell* (Harold Light - Law Offices of Harold J. Light) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert in Superior Court (Los Angeles, California) on behalf of the defendant in a breach of fiduciary duty matter involving the two owners of a Santa Monica BMW dealership.

*Jennifer Marilley v. Frisbee Management* (Stuart Jasper - Jasper & Jasper) Mr. Altstadt analyzed the operations and potential value of four McDonald's franchises in a breach of fiduciary duty matter stemming from an employment issue.

*Michael Treadway v. Steven Hiller, et al.* (Stan Jones - Law Offices of Stanley R. Jones) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert in a JAMS arbitration on behalf of the plaintiff in a breach of fiduciary matter. Testimony included an opinion of the value of the business.

*O'Flaherty, et al. v. Belgum, et al.* (Stuart Jasper - Jasper & Jasper) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert witness before the American Arbitration Association on behalf of the respondent in a breach of fiduciary matter.

*Copon v. Ritz Carlton, et al.* (Steven Belgum - Law Offices of Stephen L. Belgum) Mr. Altstadt assessed the information available for calculating personal economic losses of an employee of the Ritz Carlton.

*James Barker v. David J. Wilson, et al.* (Stuart Jasper - Jasper & Jasper) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert witness in a JAMS arbitration on behalf of the plaintiff in a breach of contract matter. Plaintiff was a minority shareholder in an Orange County Toyota dealership.

*Eiko Uyeda v. KJI, Inc. et al.* (Thomas Borchard - Borchard & Baur) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert witness in Superior Court (Santa Ana, California) on behalf of the plaintiff in a breach of fiduciary duty matter. Analysis included assessing profit from custom home construction.

*Thomas Tooma v. Charles House* (Ralph Blakeney - Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman) Mr. Altstadt analyzed accounting and banking records to evaluate alter ego issues between partners in a large commercial real estate development.

*Berkeley Honda Group v. Nielsen, et al.* (Greg Simonian - Clapp Moroney, et al.) Mr. Altstadt provided services related to financial analysis and damages in a misappropriation of trade secrets case in a Honda dealership in Berkeley, California.

*RLLW, Inc. v. Julian Mevosian, et al.* (Ralph Blakeney - Jones Day) Mr. Altstadt analyzed accounting and banking records to evaluate alter ego issues between the plaintiff corporation and its owners.

*William Cantey, et al. v. Brinks, Inc.* (Ira Saxe - Crowell & Moring) Mr. Altstadt evaluated four years of supervisor guide sheets to quantify managerial work for a proposed class action matter involving claims for unpaid overtime.