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## **Summary of Qualifications**

John E. Altstadt specializes in assisting attorneys and their clients in summarizing economic, financial and accounting data to litigation matters and providing expert testimony. Mr. Altstadt has practiced in the fields of accounting and consulting for over thirty years. During that period, he has specialized in providing services related to the valuation of closely held businesses. 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, business valuation, forensic accounting, fraud investigations, lost profits and lost earnings analysis, damage assessment and evaluation, 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 at 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

## **Audit and Tax Consulting**

Mr. Altstadt assisted in the valuation of over one hundred businesses while performing audit and tax services. These included managing due diligence engagements for several large closely-held business groups.

## **Selected Litigation Testimony**

*Presley Wilkes v. Barbara Hill* (Mitchell Shapiro-Shapiro, Posell, Rosendfeld & Close) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert in Superior Court (Victorville, California) on behalf of the plaintiff in a breach of contract matter. Testimony included an opinion of the value of the plaintiff's ownership interest.

*Michael Treadway v. Steven Hiller, et al.* (Stan Jones-Law Offices of Stanely 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 dealership.

*Mazda Motor of America, Inc. v. David J. Phillips Mazda* (Maurice Sanchez – Alvarado, Smith & Sanchez) Mr. Altstadt testified as an expert in Superior Court (Orange County, California) on behalf of the plaintiff in a breach of contract matter. Testimony included an opinion of the value of the dealership.

*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. Testimony included an opinion of the value of the plaintiff's ownership interest.

*In Re: IRMO Feldman* (Various) Mr. Altstadt acted as the court appointed appraiser in a divorce matter in San Diego County. The project included the valuation of several real properties including commercial office buildings, raw land, residential property, a marina and a golf course. Additionally, he valued eight automobile franchises. Mr. Altstadt provided testimony in San Diego Family Court.

*In Re: Burger* (Steven Bishop – Law Offices of Steven Bishop) Mr. Altstadt critiqued the valuation of a Chrysler Jeep Dodge franchise in La Mesa, California in a divorce matter in San Diego County. Mr. Altstadt provided a written report to the court.

## **Selected Consulting 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.

*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.

*Viola Penny v. Kerri Smith* (Jerry LaCues – Law Offices of Jerry LaCues) Mr. Altstadt valued a temporary employment services agency in Superior Court (Riverside County, California) in a breach of contract matter.

*In Re: Marriage of Robertson* (Anne Kiley-Trope & Trope) Mr. Altstadt performed a valuation of two Southern California Honda dealerships for the respondent in a divorce matter.

*Roger Miller v. Dorothy Smith* (David Ostrove-Ostrove & Ostrove) Mr. Altstadt evaluated the performance of a Southern California Honda dealership in a valuation dispute between the buyer and seller of the franchise.

In Re: iCall (Company Representatives) Mr. Altstadt prepared a report of the value of the intellectual property of an internet long distance phone call start-up.

*In Re: Marriage of Schriber* (Jon A. Shoenberger – Schlect, Shevlin & Shoenberger) Mr. Altstadt quantified the value of six fast food franchises as part of a divorce matter in Superior Court (Riverside County, California).

*In Re: Carl Burger Estate* (Charles Harris – Harris & Collins) Mr. Altstadt prepared a written valuation report of the Chrysler Jeep and Dodge franchises in La Mesa, California for estate tax purposes.

*In Re: Carl Burger's Dodge Chrysler-Jeep World* (Rick Gattis – Gattis & Kuncz) Mr. Altstadt provided a written valuation report of the Chrysler Jeep and Dodge franchises in La Mesa, California for corporate reorganization purposes.

*In Re: Hardin Automotive, Inc.* (No Attorney) Mr. Altstadt provided a written valuation report of the Honda and Buick-Pontiac-GMC franchises in Anaheim, California for shareholder sale purposes.