

BIOGRAPHY OF DIXON Q. DERN

Born Colorado Springs, Colorado. Graduate, Stanford, B.A., 1950, J.D. 1953; admitted to practice in California in 1954; admitted to practice law in federal courts (Ninth Circuit; Central District California). Mr. Dern has specialized in entertainment law since 1956, first as in-house counsel for various entertainment companies and then, since 1967, in private practice (currently Dixon Q. Dern, P.C.)

In addition to his work representing clients in the areas of television, theatrical, and other entertainment areas, Mr. Dern acts as both a mediator and arbitrator—primarily in labor and entertainment matters. Since 1967 he has served as a neutral Arbitrator in entertainment industry labor matters and is a neutral Arbitrator on the Producers/Writers Guild of America and Producers/Directors Guild of America panels, as well as having served for a number of years as a member of the AAA Labor Panel. For the past thirty+ years he has also served as a neutral arbitrator in commercial matters, and is a member of the Neutrals Panels of the AAA as both an arbitrator and Mediator. He helped institute and serves as a neutral Arbitrator on the IFTA(American Film Market) Arbitration Panel and is a member of its Advisory Committee

In his role as a member of the governing Board of the State Bar of California, in 1985-86 he helped draft and was instrumental in securing State Bar and legislative support that led to passage of the Dispute Resolution Programs Act of 1986. After completing various training courses, during the past twenty-five years (or more) he has acted as a mediator in a number of cases; additionally he currently is an adjunct instructor at California State University, Dominguez Hills, where he has taught or is teaching Arbitration, ADR Processes, Negotiation Tactics, Conflict Resolution and Theories of Conflict. His website is www.dixlaw.com