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## PETER M. WILLIAMSON, Esq. CURRICULUM VITAE

### Highlights of Qualifications

- Certified as a Circuit Court Mediator by the South Carolina Bar
- 36 + years of litigation experience
- More than 50 jury trials to verdict in State and Federal Courts
- Los Angeles County Superior Court Mediator
- Los Angeles County Superior and Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem
- Member of American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Recognized as a Super Lawyer every year since 2010

### Employment

FOUNDER/TRIAL ATTORNEY  
*Williamson Law Firm*

SEPTEMBER 2011 TO DECEMBER 2016  
*Woodland Hills, CA*

Founder of law firm specializing in civil litigation including civil rights, personal injury, wrongful death, products liability, professional negligence, breach of contract and real estate. Firm also specialized in TASER® related products liability/wrongful death litigation. National Practice involves litigation in Federal and State venues throughout the United States. Mr. Williamson is often consulted by the media as an expert on TASER® products and TASER-related litigation and has been quoted as such in numerous national publications. Mr. Williamson has been recognized as a California Super Lawyer since 2010 – a honor bestowed on only the top 5% of all lawyers in California.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW  
*Southwestern Law School*

2015 TO 2016  
*Los Angeles, CA*

Hired to teach “Tort Litigation Practice”, a practical skills course in which third year law students are taught the litigation process from initial client intake up to trial. The course involved two components, research and writing and oral advocacy. Students were randomly divided into four law firms representing plaintiffs and defendants in two distinct lawsuits. Student were graded on written assignments including drafting complaints/answers, discovery requests, mediation briefs and either a Daubert or Summary Judgment motion. The oral component required students to take/defend depositions, represent their clients in a Mediation and argue either a Daubert or Summary Judgment motion.

PARTNER/TRIAL ATTORNEY  
*Williamson & Krauss*

SEPTEMBER 2002 TO SEPTEMBER 2011  
*Woodland Hills, CA*

Founder of law firm devoted to catastrophic injury litigation, emphasizing civil rights, products liability, wrongful death, criminal defense, and general negligence cases. Lead trial counsel for all jury trials in Federal and State courts. Primary responsibility was to supervise and conduct all phases of litigation including investigation, drafting pleadings, discovery, motions, and trial documents.

TRIAL ATTORNEY  
*Steinbrecher & Associates*

AUGUST 1998 TO JULY 2002  
*Encino, CA*

Prestigious law firm devoted to catastrophic injury litigation, emphasizing products liability, crash worthiness, and general negligence cases. Jury trials primarily in California Superior Court. Extensive experience representing clients in all phases of litigation including pleading, discovery, mediation and trial. Responsible for own case load from initial sign-up through trial.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW  
*University of West Los Angeles School of Law*

1998  
*Los Angeles, CA*

Initially hired to teach research and writing skills. After one semester, was invited to join the full-time faculty teaching core law school courses including Civil Procedure. Unfortunately, my trial calendar and the time pressures of practicing law in a prestigious, high-profile litigation practice prevented me from accepting a full-time teaching position.

AUTHOR & PUBLISHER  
*Mentor Legal Products*

JAN 1997 TO JULY, 1998  
*Vancouver, B.C./Torrance, CA*

Created start-up publishing company with the goal of producing computer software for legal professionals. Designed and authored legal software program on CD-ROM emphasizing general litigation practice. Software consists of a data base of over 365 fully written, annotated, and formatted legal forms.

## Significant Cases

- Heston vs. TASER, Intl., Inc.: Products liability/wrongful death case against manufacturer of TASER® Electronic Control Devices alleging failure to warn of risks of ECDs resulted in a \$6.2 million dollar verdict against company – the *first* verdict ever obtained against TASER, Intl.
- Murphy v. City of Key West: Key West Police involved in TASER incident which caused plaintiff to fall suffering a traumatic brain injury. For only the second time in its history, the City of Key West tendered the total amount of its insurance coverage resulting in a seven figure settlement.
- Butler vs. TASER, Intl., Inc.: Multi-million dollar products liability settlement against ECD manufacturer in which plaintiff suffered traumatic brain injury.
- Fontenot vs. TASER, Intl., Inc.: Another products liability/wrongful death case against ECD manufacturer resulted in \$10 Million dollar verdict in favor of the plaintiffs – only the second verdict ever obtained against TASER, Intl.
- Medina v. Oxnard Building Materials, Inc.: Truck vs. auto accident resulting in death of Mother and Daughter. Defense disputed cause of accident claiming no impact. After experts were designated, case settled for \$3 Million dollars.
- Johnson v. City of Los Angeles: False arrest case in which the plaintiff spent two days in custody resulted in a \$300,000 jury verdict. The case ultimately settled for \$550,000 after trial.
- Morales vs. County of Ventura: Former police officer who was shot in the back by a rookie Sheriff's Deputy at a wedding claimed excessive force. Jury trial resulted in a \$2.1 Million dollar verdict – largest verdict against a police agency in Ventura County, California history.
- Milton v. Darbo, National RV: Brought into case in latter stages of litigation as trial counsel in catastrophic injury auto case resulting in \$1.7 million dollar jury verdict.
- People vs. Zapien: Highly publicized criminal case in Los Angeles in which client allegedly made death threats against numerous police officers. Jury trial resulted in acquittal of client.
- Davis vs. Nest Corporation: First jury trial of career in United States District Court (opposing counsel was former Federal Magistrate) involving claim of housing discrimination resulted in plaintiff's jury verdict including award of punitive damages.

## Education

MEDIATION CERTIFICATE 2016  
*Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution* *Malibu, CA*  
*(ranked the No. One Mediation Program by U.S. News & World Report)*

MEDIATION CERTIFICATE 2016  
*Los Angeles County Bar Association, Civic Mediation Center* *Los Angeles, CA*

JURIS DOCTOR  
*Southwestern University School of Law*

1979  
*Los Angeles, CA*

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE/PSYCHOLOGY  
*Rutgers University*

1976  
*New Brunswick, NJ*

Double Major in Political Science and Psychology. During college, served as a Legislative Aide to Assemblyman William Hamilton, Majority Leader of the New Jersey State Assembly. Also served as Director of the on-campus ACLU office supervising approximately 40 student volunteers in the evaluation of new cases, coordinating case referrals, arranging legal representation for campus protestors and otherwise interfacing with the local civil rights community.

## Professional Organizations

- State Bar of California
- American Attorneys for Justice
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- National Police Account Ability Project of the National Lawyers' Guild

## Professional & Community Service

- Judge Pro Tem, Los Angeles County Superior/Municipal Courts
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Southwestern School of Law
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of West Los Angeles School of Law
- Pro Bono Mediator, Los Angeles County Superior Court
- Member, Technology Committee, State Bar of California, Litigation Section
- Volunteer Staff Attorney, South Bay Free Clinic
- Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles Attorney Mentor Program
- Los Angeles Big Brother/Big Sisters
- Volunteer Judge, American Attorneys for Justice National Mock Trial Competition
- Volunteer Judge, Southwestern Un. School of Law Annual Negotiation Competition

## Articles/Publications/Miscellaneous

- *Representing Clients Injured by TASER International Electronic Control Devices, Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook, West Publishing, 2011*

- *Conducting Focus Groups on a Shoestring*, Advocate – Journal of the Consumer Attorneys’ Association of Los Angeles, November, 2006
- *Fear and Loathing in Depo Land: Debunking the Myth of Oral Depositions*, Guest Lecturer, National Society of Hand Therapists Annual Convention: Phoenix, AZ, November, 1992
- Appears in *Killing Them Safely*, a 2016 feature length documentary concerning the history and safety claims made by TASER, International, Inc., the manufacturer of the police weapon known as the TASER.

## Personal

Born:	December 2, 1953
Place of Birth:	Jersey City, New Jersey
Marital Status:	Married
Hobbies:	Golf, hiking, travel, sports, reading and music