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## ● **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

- ▶ Sole Practitioner, 1992 to Present  
Law Offices of MARY-MARGARET BIERBAUM  
Criminal Defense, Civil Mediation, (in past, also Personal Injury for 18 years)  
CERTIFIED CRIMINAL LAW SPECIALIST, State Bar of California, January 1996 to Present  
**SPECIAL MASTER**, State Bar of California, *for Santa Cruz County*, 1991-1996
- ▶ Attorney-Mediator, Monterey County Court-Directed Mediation Program, 2009 to Present
- ▶ Pro Tem Judge, Santa Cruz County, 2001-2006
- ▶ Associate Attorney, CARTWRIGHT, DUNLAP, BURDICK & MCCORMACK, 1990 - 1992  
Personal injury, civil litigation
- ▶ Assistant District Attorney, County of Santa Cruz, 1986 -1990  
Felony jury trials, innumerable preliminary hearings, research, and  
the appointed attorney for the Major Narcotic Vendor Program (MNVP) of OCJP  
Grant, handling large drug cases (3/89-3/90)
- ▶ Also, cross-designated as *Special Assistant U.S. Attorney*, 1988 -1989  
With the San Jose Office, coordinating the Federal investigation and prosecution of  
"Golden Dragon" smuggling case (12 tons of Thai marijuana)
- ▶ Assistant District Attorney, City and County of San Francisco; 1984 -1986  
Misdemeanor filings, trials and motions
- ▶ Deputy District Attorney and Deputy County Counsel, San Benito Co. 1983 -1984  
Attorney-in-charge, Family Support Unit, and misdemeanor trials

## ● **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- ▶ Volunteer-Mediator for Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz
- ▶ Mediator for Center for Resolution (CFR, National)
- ▶ Women Lawyers of Santa Cruz County (WLSCC),  
Board Member 1994-2001 (President in 2000)
- ▶ California DUI Lawyers Association
- ▶ California Public Defenders Association
- ▶ Santa Cruz County Bar Association
- ▶ Women Defenders of California
- ▶ Santa Cruz County Criminal Defense Bar
- ▶ Santa Cruz Trial Lawyers' Association (SCTLA) now called  
Santa Cruz Consumer's Attorney, 1993-1994 Board Member (Past Member)

## ● RELEVANT CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- ▶ Mediation Workshop for Fiduciaries, (as Trainer Mediator)  
PFAC Conference / Monterey, CA, 2013
- ▶ “Mediating in the Dark” (Financial Climate)
- ▶ The Mediation Society of Northern California, Education Program, 2011
- ▶ Emotional Intelligence for Mediations,  
Mendell Gisnet Center for Conflict Management, 2011
- ▶ Mediating when Time is Short, Monterey College of Law, 2011
- ▶ Introduction to Family Law Mediation, Monterey College of Law, 2011
- ▶ Some Remedies to Sexual Discrimination in the Workplace,  
Women Doctors/Women Lawyers Spring Colloquy, 2010
- ▶ When is it OK to Lie to Your Mediator? Santa Cruz Bar Association Seminar 2010
- ▶ Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz,  
Community Mediation Training (30 hours), 2009
- ▶ Pro Tem Training, Santa Clara County
- ▶ Practices for Peace - Ways to Handle Change and Conflict
- ▶ Non-Violent Communication Training (Marshall Rosenberg)
- ▶ Conflict Resolution Skills for Work and Life, C.R.C., 2008
- ▶ Pro Tem Training for Traffic Referee and Small Claims, Santa Cruz Superior Court
- ▶ Contemplative Law Practices Training - Center for Mediation in Law
- ▶ Interacting with Individuals with Disabilities, 2007
- ▶ Women’s View From the Bench, 2007
- ▶ Bench Demeanor for Temporary Judges, 2007
- ▶ Specialized Mediation Training Program, Monterey College of Law, (30 hours), 2007
- ▶ Dealing With Difficult Clients, 2005
- ▶ Fee Arbitrator Training by State Bar, 2003
- ▶ Stress Management and the Law, 2003

## ● COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- ▶ Voices From the Village, Community TV  
- Santa Cruz, Speaker/Panelist on The Rule of  
Law 7/09;  
Speaker/Panelist on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendments, 6/04 & 11/04
- ▶ *Volunteer*, Pacific Cultural Center, Santa Cruz, 2009 to Present
- ▶ *Pro-Tem Judge* for Small Claims and Traffic Court, 2001-2006
- ▶ Santa Cruz County Office of Education Mock Trial Competition,  
*Volunteer Judge* 1994, 1995, 2001
- ▶ M.C.L.E. Speaker 1999, and session Leader, Criminal Law, WLSCC, 1995
- ▶ Western Service Workers Guest Speaker 1994 and 1996
- ▶ Ormsby Fire Brigade, Founding Charter Member/ Volunteer Firefighter, 1994 - 2002
- ▶ Reserve Firefighter (Firefighter I), Watsonville & Santa Cruz Fire Dept. 1992-2001
- ▶ Multiple Sclerosis Bicycle Rides/Fundraisers
- ▶ Volunteer Role-player, joint Santa Clara Police SRT and Fire, nighttime training
- ▶ Volunteer EMT

● **EDUCATION:**

University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, CO, trial advocacy emphasis; J.D. 1982

Honors and Activities:

National Trial Competition, Portland, OR; Quarter-finalist

Board of Directors, Legal Aid and Defender Program

National Institute of Trial Advocacy, summer course

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Undergraduate:

University of California, Berkeley, CA; A.B. with Distinction, Psychology, 1978

● **OTHER INTERESTS:**

Yoga, biking, pilates, kayaking, dancing and swimming

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**