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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 5th and 6th 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