



DARRELL A. FORGEY

AFFILIATION: Judicate West

LOCATION: Los Angeles

RATE: \$450/hour

SPECIALTY: Catastrophic injury, aviation, professional malpractice, business disputes

RECENT CASE: Forgey recently helped resolve a \$10.4 million personal injury case involving a California Highway Patrol officer who suffered severe brain damage when his motorcycle slipped on hydraulic fluid leaking from a truck. The mediation session included the disabled 42-year old CHP officer and representatives of the trucking company, the truck repair shop and the insurance company. Forgey immediately began shuttle diplomacy at 10 a.m., bypassing an introductory joint session entirely because he believes is not effective. He did, however, feel it was important that the insurance company representative meet and form an impression on what type of plaintiff the CHP Officer would make to a jury. By 7 p.m., the case was settled. In settling multi-party disputes, Forgey eschews the introductory joint session and often isolates a party that does not appear interested in settling. For instance, in a breach of contract dispute earlier this year between a Japanese manufacturer and the U.S. retailers and distributors, he kept one "obstreperous" party completely in the dark about settlement talks. "A lot of times, once they see they're being isolated, they'll start talking because they don't want to be the last one left standing," he said.

BACKGROUND: Forgey spent nearly three decades defending medical malpractice, product liability and catastrophic injury at Hillsinger & Costanzo before starting Forgey & Hurrell in 2002

FACT: Forgey is a huge civil war buff and maintains a 2,000-war volume library at his home in La Cañada.