

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **ROBERT B. BERRIGAN**

#### **PRESENT EMPLOYMENT- MATHENY SEARS LINKERT & LONG LLP**

Mr. Berrigan is an associate attorney working with a litigation team led by Richard S. Linkert, specializing in construction, environmental torts, and real estate law. This team also deals with the insurance coverage aspect of construction law litigation. Mr. Berrigan has been associated with Matheny Sears Linkert & Long since September 4, 1990 and is an experienced trial attorney.

#### **PRIOR EMPLOYMENT:**

##### **1979-1990- CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD- A State Agency**

Mr. Berrigan held the position of the Licensing Deputy for the Board from 1981-1990. Prior to that he worked as an investigator in the Board's field offices. As the Licensing Deputy for the Board, Mr. Berrigan acted as the program manager for all of the Board's licensing functions. He was responsible for the application processing, review of experience, examination scheduling, and licensing of all building contractors. He was responsible for maintaining the files on all licensees and for providing all verified public records on these files. Under his management, the number of licensees increased from approximately 151,000 in 1981 to over 257,000 in 1990. Mr. Berrigan was the responsible manager for the Board's Amnesty Program, which licensed over 38,000 unlicensed contractors during the year of 1987.

Mr. Berrigan was responsible for reviewing plans and specifications for all public work projects performed by the Office of the State Architect, Department of Transportation, Department of Correction, Water Resources Board, and other State Agencies as required. The purpose of the review was to determine the proper classification of contractor to perform the work involved. Mr. Berrigan was also the ultimate administrative authority in State Government for determining whether or not a contractor's license was required for any project or type of work. In that capacity, he was often called for expert testimony in administrative hearings and civil litigation.

Mr. Berrigan acted as the technical expert to the 13 member politically appointed Board for all matters relating to the licensing of contractors and scope of work performed under existing statutes and regulations. Mr. Berrigan drafted legislation to change statutes when necessary, and often testified for the Board at legislative hearings for legislation which related to the construction industry.

Mr. Berrigan also was active in the National Association of Contractor Licensing Agencies (NASCLA), an organization with membership from over 26 states which licenses building contractors.

Mr. Berrigan left the Board to join Matheny Sears Linkert & Long after passing the State Bar in

1990.

**1977-1979- STATE DISASTER GRANT PROGRAM-**Department of Social Services

Mr. Berrigan was responsible for estimating damage to the victims of the fire, flood and mudslide disasters in Southern California. Site visits were performed to estimate the dollar damage to residences. Mr. Berrigan helped setup and run the Disaster Assistance Center at Malibu for victims of the disastrous Agoura fire. He worked with officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration to bring relief to over 37,000 victims.

**1974-1977-CONSTRUCTION WORK-** Hawaii and California

Mr. Berrigan worked as an estimator and finish carpenter in the construction of new homes and major remodeling projects. He is skilled in all aspects of carpentry, including framing and finish cabinet work.

**1955-1976- UNITED STATES AIR FORCE-** Department of Defense

Mr. Berrigan was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant at the age of twenty, having been a Distinguished Graduate from the Aviation Cadet Program. He was a career officer, qualified as a pilot and navigator in numerous aircraft, including helicopters. In this capacity, he logged over 10,000 hours, including 227 combat missions in "Puff the Magic Dragon" during the Vietnam War. His final assignment was at Headquarters for Pacific Air Forces, during the pullout in Southeast Asia, where he was the Executive Officer for "Operation Babylift". Operation Babylift airlifted over 2,000 homeless children from Vietnam to the United States. Mr. Berrigan holds a Commercial Pilot's license with the Federal Aviation Agency.

**EDUCATION:**

Mr. Berrigan graduated cum laude from Park College, Parkville, Missouri, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. (1974) He received his Juris Doctor from Lincoln Law School in Sacramento in 1989.