



## Christopher Hanson



Christopher Hanson, the founder of REMS, is one of the firm's former lawyers with over 45 years' of experience in the real estate industry. He understands 'real estate.' As an attorney he protected brokers when they got sued; or sued them when they screwed up. He has sued insurance carriers when they refused to provide E&O protection; and acted as "panel counsel" for carriers and brokers in defense of E&O claims. Neighbor or boundary disputes, foreclosure prevention or perfection (in the case of 3<sup>rd</sup> party bidders), partition actions, partnership disagreements, road maintenance disputes, fraud, breach of contract claims - all of it has crossed his desk at one time or another.

Mr. Hanson began his real estate career with Western Title Insurance Company, serving for many years as an advisory title officer. In 1978, he received his California real estate license, and two years later, his broker's license. In 1993, Mr. Hanson was awarded the nationally recognized CCIM designation by the Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute. In 1997, Mr. Hanson was admitted to practice law in California and founded Hanson Law Firm.

Mr. Hanson was a renowned trial lawyer – the kind not afraid of (and one who actually enjoyed) being in a courtroom. Tough, tenacious, strategic, and a quick thinker, are just some of the ways HLF's clients described him. He understands the risks inherent in litigation - and counseled against litigation before ever advising engaging in that process. Mr. Hanson is a huge fan of the mediation process, and sees it as a most valuable source for dispute resolution. He also knows that, when the disputing parties are often so far apart, it takes real effort to reach settlement. The effort required, does not scare him one whit.

To give you a sense of his tenacity, we share these few points of interest. At 6, Mr. Hanson taught himself how to ride a 2 wheel bicycle, by propping it up against the wall of his house and riding like hell down the driveway – praying he could make the corner onto the sidewalk and not go flying into the street. At 16, he learned how to SCUBA dive without knowing how to swim. At 32, he rode a motorcycle across the country for ten months, without ever having ridden before. At 34, he enrolled in an evening law school program, and, while working full time, was still the editor in chief of the school's law review - all with only about one year's worth of undergraduate education. Three years later, he started his independent law practice which grew to include 8 additional attorneys and thrived for 20+ years. At 48, he decided boating was his next interest, so crewed on multiple ocean races and deliveries up and down the west coast, Puerto Vallarta to Seattle. At 52, 'Captain' Hanson obtained a US Merchant Marine 100 Ton Master's License. In 2020 he closed HLF and moved to Portugal. In 2023 he and the family returned to California, and he commenced operations at REMS.

Mr. Hanson simply doesn't believe: **"You can't do that."**