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Mike began his career at Ringler Associates in 1996. He is a Master Certified Structured Settlement Specialist and is the managing owner/broker of the Orange County, Calif., office of Ringler, with more than 35 years of experience in Structured Settlements, claims and risk management. Mike also serves on the national Board of Directors for Ringler Associates, Inc.

He specializes in settling Worker's Compensation, Products Liability, General Liability, Wrongful Death/Survivor claims, Mass Tort, Elder Abuse, Employment Discrimination or Wrongful Termination, Maritime/Longshore Liability and Medical Malpractice matters.

Mike also testifies and participates in court proceedings, arbitrations and settlement conferences throughout the U.S. as a settlement advisor/expert and annuity specialist. He also analyzes Life Care Plans, vocational rehabilitation reports and projects future loss of earnings claims and lifetime medical awards and judgments.

He participates in IEA and MCLE continuing education seminars throughout the country as a speaker on the use of structured settlements to legal organizations and the insurance claims industry.

Mike holds the Master Certified Structured Settlement Consultant designation from Notre Dame University and has completed advanced studies relating to Medicare Secondary Payer statutory provisions.

He is an affiliate or supporting member of the American Association of People with Disabilities, (AAPD), Consumer Attorneys of California, (CAOC), California Applicant's Attorneys Association, (CAAA), Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles, (CAALA), Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, (OCTLA), Risk and Insurance Management Society, (RIMS), Claim Litigation Management, (CLM),

Professional Association of Risk Managers, (PARMA), California Coalition on Workers Compensation, (CCWC) and the National Structured Settlement Trade Association, (NSSTA).

Mike received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with options/minors in Public Administration and Marketing from California State University at Long Beach. He has also completed certificate study programs and was awarded the highest industry designation from Notre Dame University.

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