**Judge 1**

**Ralph Bruneau, International Mister Leather 2017**

Ralph Bruneau is International Mister Leather 2017. He competed at IML as Mr. GNI Leather 2016 representing Gay Naturists International, the largest naturist organization in the world.

He began his leather journey in 1974 at the legendary Mineshaft in NYC. In his first career, he was an actor on Broadway and on television creating the role of Mike Doonesbury in the Broadway musical Doonesbury and appearing on TV in shows from soaps to Seinfeld. In the 80’s at the height of the AIDS crisis be became a volunteer for the Shanti Foundation as a hospice worker and emotional support volunteer. He then went on to get a Masters and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

Dr. Bruneau has a sex-positive, kink-positive practice in Los Angeles and has been nationally recognized for his contributions to the field of Marriage and Family Therapy in California. He has taught and lectured about intimacy and sexual expression for over two decades.

He is actively involved in the campaign to end Conversion Therapy working with NCLR and the #BornPerfect campaign. He is on the founding Board of the Los Angeles Gender Center and a co-team leader for Team Friendly SoCal. He is a proud member of Avatar Club Los Angeles and the Southern California Bondage Club. He flags black, grey and houndstooth on the left.