



SCOTT J. DICKINSON, ESQ.

As a trial attorney Mr. Dickinson spent 10 years representing plaintiffs in catastrophic injury cases. He spent another 10 years in the insurance defense industry representing insurance companies in first-party cases and their insureds in third-party cases. Now recognized by the *Daily Journal* as a “Top 50 Neutral” in both 2010 and 2011, and previously recognized in 2009 as a “Top 10 Up-and-Coming Neutral”, Scott Dickinson serves as a fulltime mediator and arbitrator in Southern California and has resolved over 1,800 civil disputes since 2006. Cases brought to satisfactory resolution by Scott Dickinson have varied from multimillion dollar claims to emotionally sensitive disputes surrounding loss of life, health, and enterprise.

Mr. Dickinson has an advanced degree in physiology and has an extensive background in anatomy and sports medicine; he has also taken courses at UCLA in anatomy and physiology and was a University post-graduate instructor and physiology provider for the California Nursing Registry. His extensive knowledge of the human anatomy gives Mr. Dickinson a unique understanding of medical issues in personal injury mediations and arbitrations.

Additionally, Mr. Dickinson’s aggressive and challenging mediation style has earned him invitations to speak on negotiations and communication skills at corporate, legal, and insurance industry seminars. A dynamic speaker and communicator, Mr. Dickinson is highly regarded as one of the industry’s most effective motivational speakers as well as being a significant influence in helping others resolve conflict.

MEDIATOR/ARBITRATOR QUALIFICATIONS

- **20 YEARS OF TRIAL/LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

Pepperdine Law School trained. Attended the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. 10 years of representing plaintiffs in all aspects of civil litigation and 10 years of insurance defense for numerous insurance carriers and private businesses. Extensive background in anatomy, physiology (Masters Degree) and Sports Medicine, approved Mediator by the Los Angeles Superior Courts. Associate member of the Southern California Mediation Association.

- **DICKINSON MEDIATIONS**

Neutral/Private Mediator involving personal injury, neurological/orthopedic and brain injury cases, slip and fall, property damage disputes, wrongful death, real estate/business disputes, wrongful termination, employment related matters, elder abuse and insurance claims disputes.

- **ADR SERVICES, INC.**

Currently serving as a full-time mediator/arbitrator for ADR Services, Inc. dispute resolution services throughout Southern California. Over 1,800 mediations completed as of July 2011.

PUBLICATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Daily Journal “Top 50 Neutral”, 2010 - 2011.

Daily Journal “Top 10 Up-and-Coming Neutral”, 2009.

“People-Reading Skill Aids Deals” Los Angeles Daily Journal, ADR Profile, June 2008.

“Mediation: The most effective forum to resolve your case.” ADVOCATE Journal of Consumer Attorneys Associations for Southern California, March edition, 2007.

“Outstanding Contributions as a Dispute Resolution Neutral” award presented by the Judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court, March 2007.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Since 2006, Scott Dickinson has resolved over 1,800 civil disputes in the areas of:

- Personal Injury, including catastrophic brain and bodily injury and motor vehicle injury.
- Products Liability
- Premises Liability
- Elder Abuse
- Medical Malpractice
- Business and Commercial Contract Disputes
- Insurance
- Professional Malpractice/Liability

LICENSURE

- Admitted to the California Bar – 1987
- Admitted to the following jurisdictions:
 - California Supreme Court – 1987
 - U.S. Central District Court – 1988
 - U.S. Northern District Court – 1994
 - U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th District – 1997

EDUCATION

- California State University, Fullerton, CA – Bachelor of Science Degree, 1977
- California State University, Fullerton, CA – Masters of Science Degree, 1979
- Western State University College of Law – Juris Doctorate, 1985

LEGAL/MEDICAL AND MEDIATION TRAINING

- UCLA – Anatomy and Physiology, 1988
- Pepperdine School of Law – Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution – Mediating the Litigated Case – 42 hours, 2005
- General Counsel/Law and Legislation Committee for National Governing Body for United States Olympic committee – 1988-1999, Chairman of division of Eligibility – 1998-2000
- Judge for Mock Trials/Moot Court competitions – Chapman/Whittier Law Schools – 2004
- Chapman College – Graduate School Instructor in Sports Medicine – 1983/1984
- Rancho Santiago College – Instructor in Health Science – 1981-1983
- California Nursing Registry – Physiology Instructor/Provider for California nurses – 1982
- Saint Joseph’s Cardiac Rehab Center – Lecturer in Cardiac Rehabilitation – 1981-1982

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- **GILBERT, KELLY, CROWLEY & JENNETT**, Orange, CA Associate, 1987-1991; Partner, 1999-2006

Trial attorney managing heavy case load of high-end personal injury insurance defense cases ranging from soft-tissue to catastrophic brain injury, wrongful death matters and first party lawsuits. Tried numerous cases in the Los Angeles and Orange County venues. Attended over 2,500 arbitrations, mediations and settlement conferences. Acted as training coordinator for the associate attorneys and authored the Associate Training Manual sections on Trial, Arbitration and Mediation. Served as arbitrator and mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Courts.

- **BURGE, STRID & DICKINSON**, Laguna Hills, CA Partner, 1991-1999

Trial attorney representing primarily plaintiffs in matters involving contract and business disputes, shareholder derivative suits, wrongful termination, sexual harassment, medical malpractice, elder abuse, labor disputes and personal injury matters involving vehicles, motorcycles and pedestrians with associated injuries relating to amputations, spinal cord, dental and facial injuries, neurological impairment, psychological and various orthopedic injuries.

PAST AND CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

- Southern California Mediation Association
- L.A. County Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Orange County Trial Lawyers Association
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- American College of Sports Medicine