



## ***PAUL R. FISHER, ESQ.***

Paul Fisher has resolved many hundreds of disputes as Mediator since 1986, and has heard hundreds of cases as Arbitrator since 1978. Paul has been a full time neutral since 1991. From 1971 until 1991, he was in a litigation practice specializing in complex real estate, business and construction disputes. He is an adjunct professor of law at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University. In 2001 Paul was named to the Distinguished Panel of Neutrals of New York's CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution. In 2002 he received the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Award for Case of the Year. Paul is a nationally published author, and frequent speaker. He continuously develops his expertise by participating in national advanced mediator conferences annually with the CPR Institute, the International Academy of Mediators and The Masters Forum. Clients have commented, in a letter to Judge Bobb, "Please accept my enthusiastic suggestion that parties in highly complex business and employment litigation should be directed to consider utilizing Mr. Fisher. He was terrific." Others have commented, "You are truly a super-star", and "As a mediator myself, I can say -- you are a mediator's mediator!"

### **Legal Career & Prior Experience**

- Distinguished Panel of Neutrals, CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution
- International Academy of Mediators - Harvard conference 2006, discussion leader
- Co-Chair Conflict Resolution sub-committee of ABA Committee on Emotional and Psychological Issues in Estate Planning
- Special Master, U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- Mediator, Los Angeles Superior Court - Probate Panel
- NASD Dispute Resolution, Panel of Mediators
- 1971-1991 litigation practice specializing in complex real estate, business and construction

### **Professional Affiliations & Education**

- Fellow, International Academy of Mediators, participant in semi-annual conferences
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Masters Forum, participant and session leader
- International Academy of Mediators - Harvard conference 2006, discussion leader
- CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, Distinguished Panel of Neutrals and conferences participant
- ABA Committee on Emotional and Psychological Issues in Estate Planning; and Conflict Resolution sub-committee
- L.A. County Bar Association, active participant
- Juris Doctor, University of San Diego, School of Law, 1969
- Bachelor of Arts, California State University, Northridge, 1966

## ADR Specialization

- Complex Real Property / Real Estate
- Complex Business / Contracts
- Highly Emotionally Driven Disputes
- Construction Defect
- Insurance coverage
- Trusts, Estates, Probate Disputes and Estate Conflict Management

## Publications

- Tools For Negotiators: "Beyond Reason - Using Emotions as You Negotiate" Book Review. (July 2006)
- "MSJ Granted to Enforce Settlement Agreement Entered at Conclusion of Mediation, Where the Agreement Was Not Signed Personally by All Parties" (January, 2006)
- "Late Summer '05 Intellectual Entertainment: Mediation Confidentiality, Ethics and Public Policy" (September, 2005)
- "When Is A Memorandum of Understanding Not Enforceable?" (June, 2005)
- "Cal.Ap. Bars Attorney Fees To Prevailing Party Who Refuses To First Mediate" (March, 2005)
- "Early Case Management" (June, 2004)
- "Case Management as an Institutional Force" (June, 2004)
- "Conflict Wisdom" (periodically updated)
- "Preparation Emphasizes What Clients Don't Want To Hear", Alternatives, CPR (Center for Public Resources) Institute for Dispute Resolution, April 2002. Also published as Chapter 20, Mediation: Approaches and Insights, Juris Publishing, 2005
- "How Attorneys In Mediation Face The Conflict Of Keeping The Client Happy Versus The Need To Discuss The Hard Issues -- Or, How to Succeed in Mediation Without Losing Your Client", pending publication
- "Avoiding Impasse in Mediation -- A Critical Checklist For Mediation Counsel", Alternatives, CPR (Center for Public Resources) Institute for Dispute Resolution, May 2001. Also published as Chapter 24, Mediation: Approaches and Insights, Juris Publishing, 2005
- "Changes in Mediation Confidentiality", ADR Edge, June 2000
- ADR EDGE, a periodic abstract of developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- "Courts Refuse to Overturn Arbitrator Awards on Attorney Fees", Los Angeles Daily Journal, Oct. 25, 2000.
- "Mediation Advocacy Tips", ADR Edge, Spring 1999.
- "Mediation: What's In It For Litigators", ADR Edge, Spring 1999. "Judicial References: Choice is Everything", ADR Edge, Spring 1999
- "All You Need to Know About Mediation But Didn't Know to Ask -- A Parachute for Parties in Litigation" Business Law News, the State Bar of California, Business Law Section, Fall 1998 Also published in Alternatives, CPR (Center for Public Resources) Institute for Dispute Resolution, March 1998. Also published as Chapter 28, Mediation: Approaches and Insights, Juris Publishing, 2005
- "Report on Judicial Utilization of ADR," to Los Angeles Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, August 1996. Co-Authored with Judge Frances Rothschild
- "Creative Mediation Design," Los Angeles Lawyer, May 1995
- "Mediation Benchbook," 1994
- "How to Successfully Mediate a Case: Tips to Attorneys and Mediators," reprinted in Alternative Dispute Resolution NEWSALERT, 1993, Arbitration Journal, 1991

## **Faculty**

Adjunct professor of law, The Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University. Guest lecturer at Layola Law School. He has served as faculty in innumerable ADR programs before Bar Associations, law firms, Annual Arbitration/Mediation Day Conferences, and the American Arbitration Association. Courses have included basics to cutting edge dispute resolution techniques and variations on traditional mediation; basic arbitrator training to arbitration of large and complex multi party disputes. Fisher also assisted in planning and development of the Los Angeles Superior Court ADR Judicial Education Program 1997.

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States and the Supreme Court of California, U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- International Academy of Mediators - Fellow
- ABA Committee on Emotional and Psychological Issues in Estate Planning
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, real property, construction, litigation, labor and employment section. Business & Corporations, Trusts & Estates. Participant, Los Angeles Superior Court ADR Committees

## **Awards/Honors**

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Award for Case of the Year, 2002