



HON. BERNARD KAUFMAN (Ret.)

Mediator ▪ Arbitrator ▪ Neutral Fact Finder

Since 1994, Judge Kaufman has served as a mediator, arbitrator, Judge Pro Tem and Discovery Referee. He has helped resolve all types of cases including employment, professional liability, healthcare, real estate, personal injury, probate, family law, and commercial disputes.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Commercial Contract
- General Business
- Discovery Reference
- Employment
- Family Law
- Fee Dispute
- Homeowners' Association
- Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith
- Legal Malpractice
- Medical Malpractice
- Partnership Dissolution
- Personal Injury
- Probate
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Served on both Superior and Municipal Courts for Los Angeles County for 19 years until retirement in 1994.
- Served on various court committees, including: statewide committees on behalf of California Judges Association; Chair Person of Planning and Research Committee of Los Angeles Municipal Court; served for three years on Executive Committee of California Judges Association; served on Los Angeles Superior Court Executive Committee.
- Member of the California State Bar, Los Angeles County Bar and Pasadena Bar Associations

EDUCATION

- UCLA School of Law, J.D., 1953
- University of California, Los Angeles, Undergraduate Political Science, 1950
- Admitted to practice in Federal and State Court of California, 1954

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Civil Practice in Los Angeles for 22 years. He was a partner in the law firm of Gainsley, Winkler, Kaufman & Ward through 1975, where he handled transaction business and corporate matters, probate and family law cases. His clients included financial institutions, brokerage companies as well as employee and employers in various types of retail and manufacturing businesses.

CIVIC MEMBERSHIPS

Member of Rotary International since 1976.