



LEONARD S. LEVY, ESQ.
Mediator • Arbitrator



Len Levy began serving as a settlement officer eleven years ago, and nine years ago began mediating cases. Since then he has successfully resolved a multitude of cases through mediation, many of them labeled “unsettleable” by the parties and their attorneys.

As a litigation attorney for almost thirty years, Len Levy represented plaintiffs and defendants in complex legal disputes. His creative approach to litigation has earned him a reputation with parties and attorneys as a fair minded individual, adept at finding novel ways to resolve complex matters.

Now, as a mediator, Len Levy explores the issues and goals of the parties, and facilitates their reaching a “win-win” agreement for all parties to the dispute. Through his legal and mediation experience and training, as well as his excellent interpersonal skills, patience and tenacity, he brings to the mediation process those tools necessary to successfully facilitate settlements. Len explores all issues necessary to achieve settlement, including many which may not be addressed at all in a litigation context, and many of which may not have been apparent to the parties themselves.

LEGAL BACKGROUND

Member, State Bar of California (1973); United States Court of Appeal for the 9th Circuit (1982); United States District Courts, Central District of California (1974), Southern District of California (1979), Eastern District of California (1982).

In January, 1974, Mr. Levy joined Stark and Siener and tried over seventy cases in less than a year. From December 1974, as an associate at Montgomery, Bottum, Regal & McNally, Mr. Levy tried numerous cases in the insurance, surety and fidelity, and business litigation fields, as well as appellate work in those areas. In 1981 Mr. Levy began a general civil practice including business and real estate litigation until 1982, at which time he became partner at Regal & Levy, and tried and performed appellate work in many complex civil practice areas including business and real estate, fidelity and surety law and insurance law. In October, 1990, Mr. Levy became of Counsel at Mink, Alpert & Barr (predecessor to Alpert & Barr), maintaining his practice in the same general areas while commencing a mediation practice. In August, 1999, Mr. Levy became a partner at Levy, McMahon & Levin, concentrating on mediation.

EDUCATION

- Loyola University School of Law: J.D., June 1973
- UCLA: B.A., 1970
- Pepperdine University School of Law: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, 1998

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION PANELS AND AFFILIATIONS

Panels:

- Member, California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Attorney Settlement Officer Panel, United States District Court Central District

- Mediation Panel, Court of Appeal 2nd Appellate District
- Los Angeles Superior Court Pilot Program Commercial Provider and Personal Injury Judicially Mandated Mediation Panels
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association's Mediation Panel
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Fee Dispute Mediation and Arbitration Panels and State Bar Mediation Panel
- Los Angeles County Superior Court Panel
- Kaiser Permanente Neutral Panel
- Hearing Officer, San Gabriel Valley Dispute Resolution Center
- Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Center Panel of Neutrals
- Institute for Conflict Management

Affiliations and Leadership:

- Past Vice President, Member of the Board of Directors Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA) 2003-2006, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, Member of the Courts Committee
- Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR)
- California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC)
- Panel Member, Nevada Construction Law Seminar 2001

PUBLICATIONS & SEMINARS

Author, "Disclosure Doubts ... Mediation Parties Must Decide How Much to Divulge" (Los Angeles Daily Journal, Feb. 23, 2000); "Top 10 (Plus 1) Tips: How to Enhance Your Chances for a Successful Mediation" (Verdicts & Settlements, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Jan. 18, 2002); "An Attitude Adjustment Can Get You Further in Court-Ordered Mediation" (San Francisco Daily Journal, Jun. 21, 2004); Co-Author "Pros and Cons of Mediation, Arbitration and Litigation" presented at Nevada Construction Law Seminar, 2001; "Mediator: Not to Be Confused With a Burned Out Litigator" (Fall 2004); The 'Standard' Release Poses a Trap for the Unwary Lawyer (Daily Journal, Dec. 20, 2005.)

Seminars, California Academy of Mediation Professionals "Negotiating the Litigated Case" (1999); California Academy of Mediation Professionals "Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution" (2000); Dispute Resolution Services "Attorney/Client Fee Dispute Resolution" (2000); SCMA "Mediating Workplace Employment Disputes" (2001); SCMA 12th through 19th Annual Interactive Conferences (2000 through 2007)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Certificates of Appreciation from the Los Angeles Superior and Municipal Courts for volunteer services as a settlement officer as part of the Valley Associated Settlement Team (VAST), and as a mediator; Certificate of Appreciation Los Angeles Superior Court for service as Temporary Judge. Invited participant, 2002, 2003 Masters' Forum Conference for Experienced Neutrals.