



DEBORAH ROTHMAN, ESQ.

EDUCATION

ADR Training: Extensive arbitration & mediation training (avail. on request).

- June, 1971. B.A., Yale College, Magna cum Laude.
- June, 1976. Juris Doctor, New York University School of Law.
- June, 1976. Masters, Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton Univ.
- ADR Training: Extensive arbitration & mediation training: American Arbit'n Assoc. & L. A. Superior Ct.
- Certified in mediation by L. A. County Bar Assoc. ("LACBA") Dispute Resolution Services ("DRS").
- Trained by Army Corps of Engineers: construction partnering.
- Trained by Department of Justice: mediation of ADA claims.

LEGAL AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1991 -present. Private dispute resolution.
- 1984-1988. CEO, Baby Fair Enterprises.
- 1976-1980. Litigation attorney, Manatt Phelps Rothenberg & Tunney.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Nationally-recognized arbitrator and mediator experienced in the resolution of complex disputes in all areas of civil law, in a wide variety of industries: commercial, banking and savings and loans; employment (discrimination - sex, race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation & sexual harassment; wrongful termination; retaliation; wage & hour class action; breach of covenant not to compete); aerospace/defense; aviation liability/pilot instruction; accounting firms, antitrust, business torts, car wash establishments, carpet cleaning; commercial contracts & leases, communications, computers-technology; consumer disputes; construction defect & earthquake damage; entertainment (radio, TV, motion picture production, songwriter credits/royalties, personal management); fast food franchises; First Amendment, foreclosure; health care - doctors, pharmacies, nursing homes, HMO's, hospitals; law firm and other partnership dissolutions, fee disputes and employment disputes; medical and legal malpractice; nursing homes, negligence, personal injury; school districts, police departments, municipalities, and U. S. Postal Service; probate; product and premises liability; real estate; securities; software joint venture; security guard services, taxation-municipal and corporate; trade secret theft and unfair competition.
- American Arbitration Association, Nat'l Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators. *Specialty panels:* Large Complex Case, eCommerce, Center for Responsible Appraisals and Valuations, Commercial and Employment Law.
- EEOC (L. A. District Office) Panel of Mediators.
- Key Bridge Foundation (U.S. Dep't of Justice ADA) Panel of Mediators.

- NASD Board of Arbitrators and Panel of Mediators.
- Office of the Independent Administrator (Kaiser Arbitration Panel).
- L. A. Superior Court Probate Mediation Panel.
- U. S. Postal Service, Panel of Mediators.
- U. S. District Ct., Central District of CA, Attorney Settlement Officer.
- CA Dep't.of Insurance, Earthquake Claims (Former Mediation Panelist)
- Sizzler bankruptcy. (Former Mediation Panelist)
- Piper Aircraft bankruptcy. (Former Mediation Panelist)
- Prudential Life Insur. class action settlement Appeals (Former Appeals Reviewer)
- Merrill Lynch gender discrim'n class action, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL (former ADR panelist)
- Smith Barney gender discrim'n class action, Duke Univ. Priv. Adjudic'n Ctr., N.C. (former ADR panelist)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, American Arbitration Association, Large Complex Case Panel, eCommerce B2B, CRAV (Center for Responsible Appraisals and Valuations), Commercial and Employment Law Panels.
- Office of the Independent Administrator (Kaiser Arbitration Panel).
- Board of Directors, Dispute Resolution Services Inc., L. A. County Bar Association.
- Chair, Beverly Hills Bar Assoc. Labor & Emp. Law Section. (2005-2006)
- Former Chair, Beverly Hills Bar Assoc. ADR Section (2004 - 2005).
- Diplomate Member, California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.
- Board Member and Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators.

SPEAKER/AUTHOR/TRAINER ON ADR

American Bar Association, CEB, American Arbitration Association, California Labor and Employment Law section, LACBA, Matthew Bender, P.L.I., L. A. City Attorney's Office, LEFTJAW, Boeing, UCLA, USC, various law firms, LATLA, L. A. Athletic Club, PIHRA, L. A. Superior Court, and Automobile Club. Articles have appeared in *California Labor & Employment Law Quarterly*, the *Daily Journal*, *ABTL Report* and *CPR Alternatives*. Ms. Rothman is a Contributing Editor to *Guide to Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration* put out by the College of Commercial Arbitrators (Juris Net, 2006).

- Named one of only thirty Southern California Super Lawyers of the Year in the field of ADR (2006, 2007)
- Named one of the Best Lawyers in America (2007)
- Strong background in psychology
- Fluent in Spanish; some French and Italian.