

**BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION PROGRAM**  
**PANEL OF MEDIATORS**  
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ADR Style "I attempt to involve the parties (and not their attorneys) as much as possible in the process, explaining their position and their goals. I then attempt to garner the support of the attorneys to work with their respective clients to achieve a workable resolution."  
ADR Awards 2018-2019 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles Division  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura

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ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of program."  
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ADR Style "My preference is to start out with my evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of each side in open session. I prefer caucuses to discuss strengths and weaknesses and to develop the 'bottom line'."

ADR Awards 2021-2022 Mediator Who Settled The Most Conferences In San Fernando Valley  
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ADR Style "My approach is very cautious and collaborative. I actively listen to the parties, I caucus at the very beginning and once more throughout the process if I deem it necessary. I am very Socratic in the way I ask questions, parties often aren't able to see resolve through anger. In my opening statement I make it known that I am there as a neutral to facilitate a conversation. I let them know that if at any time through the process they need to think or take a break to discuss with other parties, they may do so."

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange

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ADR Style "I use a holistic approach to mediation that is personalized to the parties and their counsel. I do not believe in a 'one size fits all' approach, but rather will use a combination of approaches that is best suited for the parties and their approach. While I do engage in an evaluative approach, my best results have been achieved when using a facilitative approach, aiding the parties to reach decisions on settlement themselves."

Language(s): Some Spanish

Counties: Los Angeles

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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association, 40 hours, 2019

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ADR Style "Although I originally intended to mediate in a facilitative manner, and still do at times, especially with sophisticated parties and counsel, over the years my mediation style has moved more toward the evaluative style. This is particularly true in bankruptcy mediations, since the evaluative style takes maximum advantage of my substantive knowledge in the area."

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ADR Awards	2020-2021	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Northern Division
	2019-2020	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division (3-way tie)
	2018-2019	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
	2017-2018	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
	2016-2017	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2015-2016	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District (4-way tie) and Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2014-2015	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
	2013-2014	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2012-2013	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (3-way tie)
	2010-2011	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2009-2010	Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled; Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
	2006-2007	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2001-2002	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (7-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division (2-way tie)
	1999-2000	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	1996-1997	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division (6 way tie)
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B.S., Management Information Services, 2002  
ADR Training Basic Mediation Training, Riverside, CA, 2021, 40 hours  
Mediation Training, Professor Hassel Hill, Jr., 12 hours  
ADR Style "Caucusing and collaborative."  
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ABA Arbitration Training Institute, 6th Annual Comprehensive Training in Commercial Arbitration, 24 hours, 2011  
Hundreds of hours of additional mediation training through SCMA and other providers  
ADR Style "I have extensive experience successfully mediating adversary proceedings in bankruptcy. I have mediated over 1,000 cases total. I start off facilitative until I have ascertained which approach will work best depending on the personality, temperament and needs of the parties. After I have earned the trust and confidence of the parties, I usually transition to an evaluative/directive approach. I will always seize the opportunity to implement a creative solution. I rely primarily on caucuses and anticipate a concluding joint session where the parties fine tune the terms of the settlement agreement."  
Counties: Los Angeles

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995  
ADR Style "The approach depends on the issues, personalities, conflicts and motivations involved. Separate caucuses will usually be helpful. Because the parties have lawyers, mediation will tend toward an MSC/VSC model. My role is to (a) encourage the parties to identify/express their true goals and to see the risk/reward/cost of further litigation, and (b) bring to bear the experience, knowledge and creativity of everyone in the process."  
Counties: Orange

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ADR Style "I attempt to make use of all of the mediation techniques I have been taught in appropriate situations. When I believe that it will be beneficial, I caucus with attorneys and individuals. However, I try to maximize global participation. I try to stress that the main benefit of mediation is that the parties control the process and determine the outcome."

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ADR Awards	2020-2021	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division
	2017-2018	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
	2016-2017	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie)
	2015-2016	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (4-way tie)
	2013-2014	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, , Santa Ana Division
	2012-2013	Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled (3-way tie)
	2010-2011	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division
	2008-2009	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
	2006-2007	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (5-way tie)

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M.A., California State University, Northridge, 1973  
B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1965

ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Advanced Mediation Training, 13 hours, 2005; Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I generally employ a caucus and seek to obtain a resolution through collaborative techniques, with a goal to obtaining a constructive resolution among the participants."

ADR Awards 2007-2008 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division (7-way tie), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

Counties: Los Angeles

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I attempt to select the approach best suited to resolve the particular dispute, based upon, e.g., the parties' progress toward settlement prior to the mediation, and their attitudes toward each other and the process."

Language(s): German

Counties: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara

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B.A., University of California, San Diego, 1986  
ADR Training Conflict Management Institute & The Community Mediation Program of Santa Barbara (Judith Rubenstein), 30 hours, 1997  
ADR Style "I assess and approach each dispute on a case by case basis. I first take some time to learn about the parties and their goals. If I determine that a caucus would be helpful, then I initiate a caucus; if however, it appears that caucus would be counter-productive, then I do not conduct one. My approach is collaborative, with an emphasis on the empowering the parties to actively participate and contribute to the process of resolving their dispute, so that everyone feels invested in the outcome. I can be either evaluative or facilitative, depending on the circumstances of the particular case. I am flexible and adapt to the particular circumstances of each case. I tend to be able to determine relatively quickly what approach or method will work best depending on the personalities and goals of each party."  
Counties: Santa Barbara, Ventura

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ADR Style "I believe caucusing can be helpful, and like to facilitate resolutions between the parties directly."  
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B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1977  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

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ADR Style "I am a certified specialist in personal and small business bankruptcy law with the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. I am also board certified in business bankruptcy law with the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification. As such, I prefer an evaluative approach to the resolution of bankruptcy proceedings (which assists the parties in understanding the merits or demerits of their respective legal positions). I also rely heavily on caucus (individual meetings of the parties and their counsel) as a means of reaching settlement and establishing rapport with the mediator."

ADR Awards 2012-2013 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Northern Division (3-way tie)

1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division (3-way tie)

Counties: Los Angeles

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I have had almost 100% success using a caucus type program, which is collaborative rather than evaluative."

ADR Awards 2017-2018 Mediation Conference With the Most Parties Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

2016-2017 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (6-way tie)

Counties: Los Angeles

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ADR Training Kenneth Cloke Center for Dispute Resolution - Mediation Training - 03/27/2023 to 03/31/2023

ADR Style Generally informal approach and process (ie: a concise memorandum will suffice instead of legal brief). Caucus in most cases. Collaborative process to facilitate resolutions to the conflict.

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura

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Program on Negotiation, Harvard University, 10 hours, 1995  
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Occupation Mediator  
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B.S., Indiana University, 1971  
ADR Training University of California, Riverside, 40 hours, Certificate in Conflict Management  
ADR Style "As used in the Riverside Court and taught in the UCR Certificate Program, our approach is to evaluate each position, then facilitate the parties to reach an agreement. At times, as appropriate, we use a mix of processes and approaches such as caucus which is used to help to facilitate the parties to reach an agreement."  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside

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ADR Style "I use a caucus type of mediation which is collaborative."

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside

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Certified Specialist in Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy Law, 1997  
J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1986  
B.S., University of Southern California, 1982

ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30  
hours, 1995

ADR Style "Caucus type of mediation process preferred."

ADR Awards 2020-2021 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy  
Court, Central District of California, Riverside Division (2-way tie)

2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District; Most  
Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division; Mediator Who  
Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division

Language(s): Spanish

Counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara

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ADR Style "To facilitate the exchange of information between the parties and to motivate them to  
consider creative solutions."

ADR Awards	2019-2020	Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled (2-way tie), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California
	2018-2019	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division (2-way tie)
	2016-2017	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (6-way tie)
	2015-2016	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division
	2014-2015	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (5-way tie)
	2012-2013	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie)
	2010-2011	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division
	2006-2007	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (5-way tie)
	2003-2004	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
	2002-2003	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (3-way tie)

Counties: Orange

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ADR Training United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, 3 days, 1997

ADR Style "Usually caucus and breakout sessions, both collaborative and facilitative, offer opinion on merits and propose settlement terms when sought by parties, encourage creative solutions."

ADR Awards	2021-2022	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator In Riverside Division Of United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California
	2018-2019	Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California (2-way tie)
	2017-2018	Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Which Settled, (2-way tie)

Counties: Los Angeles, , ,

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ADR Style "Evaluative followed by collaborative."

ADR Awards 2021-2022 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator In Santa Ana Division Of United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

2020-202 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled (2-way tie), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

2019-2020 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled

2016-2017 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District and Los Angeles Division

2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (7-way tie)

Counties: Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara

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Education J.D., Western State University College of Law, 1985  
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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association, 40 hours, 1994

ADR Style "I believe in using the following techniques in the appropriate situations: caucus/no caucus; directive/collaborative; evaluative/facilitative; etc. The key to being a mediator is being flexible, assessing the parties' fears, reluctance, anger and using the technique(s) that brings them to the table."

ADR Awards 2019-2020 Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

1997-1998 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled (2-way tie)

Counties: Orange, Riverside

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1996

ADR Style "I prefer the caucus/collaborative/facilitative approach."

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ADR Awards 2013-2014 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division  
2010-2011 Mediation Conference with the Most Parties (2 way tie)  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange

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ADR Style "Varies case by case. Unless the situation dictates otherwise, I prefer a caucus type of program which will usually start midway between evaluative and facilitative; I allow the program to drift in the direction (evaluative or facilitative) that appears appropriate under the circumstances and most likely to bring about a durable resolution with closure. I welcome and encourage creative solutions."  
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Occupation Attorney; Bankruptcy Trustee (Chapter 7)  
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B.A., California State University, Fullerton (Political Science), 1974  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995  
ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties in this process need to understand and commit to the non-litigated resolution of their differences, which may take substantial discussion."  
ADR Awards 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Entire Central District (3-way tie); Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division (3-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division  
1998-1999 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (3-way tie)  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995  
ADR Style "Caucus/evaluative/creative."  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange

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Occupation Attorney (Bankruptcy)  
Education J.D., Loyola Law School, 2001  
B.A., University of Pennsylvania (English), 1996  
ADR Training Center for Dispute Resolution (Kenneth Cloke), 32 hours, 2021  
ADR Style "I tailor my style to the particular needs of the parties. I typically have at least one pre-mediation call with the parties so that I can determine which approach will serve the parties the best."  
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Education J.D., Southwestern University School of Law, 1981  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995  
ADR Style "Varies dependent upon nature of dispute and preference of parties and/or their counsel."

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ADR Awards	2016-2017	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (6-way tie)
	2011-2012	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
	2010-2011	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
	2009-2010	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2007-2008	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (4-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division (7-way tie)
	2002-2003	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
	1996-1997	Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled
	1995-1996	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
Counties:	Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Barbara	

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Occupation	Attorney (Bankruptcy); Judge Pro Tempore, Los Angeles County Superior Court; Hearing Officer, City of Long Beach
Education	J.D., Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, 1988 M.S., University of Denver, College of Law, 1982 B.S., Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, Psychology, 1980
ADR Training	Course work in Alternative Resolution at the University of Denver College of Law
ADR Style	"I believe it is important for the parties to evaluate and confront the weaknesses in their case and not just the strengths. A resolution thought consensus generally yields better results for all parties at a lower cost."
Counties:	Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara

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Occupation	Bankruptcy Judge (Retired, serving on limited recall)
Education	
ADR Training	Approximately 100 hours of clinical programs sponsored by the U.S. District Court in the 1980s, the Federal Judicial Center in the early 2000s, and the Central District Bankruptcy Court in a program presented by the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, as well as others.
ADR Style	"Facilitative and directive with frequent caucuses."
Counties:	Los Angeles

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "Based on my psychology background, I utilize an approach that requires active participation of all parties; the process involves limited caucusing and the facilitative approach to reach a collaborative solution."

Counties: Los Angeles, Ventura

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "Caucus/ directive/evaluative."

ADR Awards 2012-2013 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and Los Angeles Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and Los Angeles Division (2-way tie)

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Occupation Attorney (Bankruptcy)

Education J.D., Maryland Law School, 1993  
B.A. Johns Hopkins University, French, 1990

ADR Training St. John's University & American Bankruptcy Institute, 40 hours

ADR Style "I typically engage in a collaborative caucus approach where I facilitate the parties' communication with each other and understanding of their respective positions. Private communications can often be helpful, but only when further communication is promoted."

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Occupation Attorney (Bankruptcy); Mediator; Chapter 7 and 11 Trustee  
Education J.D., University of Southern California, 1986  
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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association Center for Civic Mediation, Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 2016  
ADR Style "My preference is to tailor the mediation to the parties. Some need to have a plenary session and look at the other side, while others just want to get started without the preliminary discussion. I can provide my evaluation of the case, but ultimately it is the parties that need to reach an agreement and my role is to facilitate. Finally, I believe that when the parties understand that the mediator is neutral and genuinely trying to find common ground, that a collaborative mediation is more likely to be successful."  
ADR Awards 2021-2022 Mediator Who Settled The Most Conferences In Los Angeles Division Of United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California  
2020-2021 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Entire Central District (2-way tie) and San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division (6-way tie)  
2019-2020 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and San Fernando Valley Division  
2017-2018 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (3-way tie)  
2016-2017 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Los Angeles Division (4-way tie)  
Counties: Los Angeles

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Occupation Attorney (Bankruptcy - Certified Specialist); Mediator; Arbitrator; City of Santa Clarita Community Court Judge (2006-2022)  
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B.S., State University of New York at Albany, 1981  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, "Mediating the Litigated Case," 42 hours, 2013  
ADR Style "An Evaluative style given to facilitate resolution between the parties, while maintaining civility and respect among all participants, with encouragement and consideration given to creative decision making during caucus."  
Counties: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura

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Occupation Attorney  
Education J.D., University of Akron, 1978  
B.A., University of Illinois, 1975  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Advanced Mediation Training, 13 hours, 2005; Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 1995  
University of California, Riverside Extension, Mediation II, 18 hours, 2001  
ADR Style "Choosing the collaborative, facilitative method of mediation, which includes the caucus process, affords the parties a unique opportunity to solve problems in a cooperative rather than adversarial way, and with greater flexibility, speed and privacy than they would likely have in court."  
ADR Awards 2003-2004 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Riverside Division  
1997-1998 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division (3-way tie)  
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ADR Training Advanced Mediation Training, Hon. Wayne D. Brazil (ret.) and Carrie Menkel-Meadows, 5.75 hours, 2015  
Essential Mediation Skills for the New Mediator, American Arbitration Association, 33.5 hours, 2015  
Advanced Mediation and Settlement Skills, United States District Court, Central District of California, 2014  
Ethical Issues for Mediators, Digilearn, 1 hour, 2012  
Helping People Make Effective Decisions in Mediation, United States District Court, Central District of California, Panel Mediator Training Program, 1 hour, 2012; Advanced Mediator Training: "High Conflict Personalities," 6 hours, 2011  
Mediation Confidentiality, Dispute Resolution Services, Inc./Rutter Group, 1 hour, 2010  
Advanced Mediation Skills, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 13 hours, 2010; 6.5 hours, 2009; 13 hours, 2007; Getting to the Heart of the Matter in Mediation, and Improved Decision Making and Moral Intuition as Themes in Mediation, 13 hours, 2006  
ADR Style "Joint session for administrative issues only (willing to waive if counsel don't want); lots of caucus; primarily facilitative; evaluations given only if asked/pressed."  
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Education J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1988  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30  
hours, 1995

ADR Style "I prefer a facilitative approach with the parties reaching a resolution which is satisfactory  
to all. I expect the parties to be committed to the process."

ADR Awards 2010-2011 Most Frequently Chosen mediator (2 way tie), U.S. Bankruptcy Court,  
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Occupation Attorney

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ADR Training Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 42  
hours, 2014

ADR Style "Each matter presents its own unique approach. I cannot generalize as to what will work  
in each situation. If anything, I would be collaborative and suggestive in trying to reach a  
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ADR Training Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs, 80 hours  
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ADR Style "Evaluative/facilitative. I give all sides an opportunity to state their position. I try to clarify  
all issues. I then caucus with each side to see what each wants, especially as to how  
much money is desired and offered. I then act as a facilitator in shuttle diplomacy to  
obtain a reasonable amount of money on which all sides can agree."

Counties: Los Angeles

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Education B.A., University of Redlands, 1978  
M.P.A., California State University Northridge, 1988  
Professional Designation Certificates, University of California at Los Angeles: Personnel Management; Industrial Relations; International Business & International Trade

ADR Training California State University, Northridge, 100 hours  
Los Angeles County Bar Association, 30 hrs  
Martin Luther King Dispute Resolution Center by Federal Mediation & Conciliation Services, 30 hours  
Los Angeles Superior Court, 30 hours  
Center for Civil Mediation, over 100 hours  
Other meditation training (in addition to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and the Superior Court of Los Angeles) includes the Los Angeles County Bar Association Civic Mediation Project, the Southern California Mediation Association, and the American Institute of Mediation.

ADR Style "I favor the Facilitative mediation approach. It gives the parties a clear understanding of what is occurring and allows them input into the process and ultimately the outcome. There are instances when after speaking to the parties, one of the other ADR processes might be better suited to the case and my years of experience allow me to use them."

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Los Angeles County Bar Association, 40 hours  
The Mediation Institute, 25 hours

ADR Style "I prefer a caucus-included approach with a focus on collaboration. I tend to try to guide by asking questions to encourage people to resolve their disputes outside of the litigated arena. I will take as much time as the participants need to resolve the dispute as long as there is an intent to resolve."

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I prefer that I caucus with each side. I also attempt to be a facilitative mediator."

ADR Awards 2015-2016 Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

2014-2015 Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled

2009-2010 Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled (3-way tie)

2007-2008 Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled (2-way tie)

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ADR Style "Flexible approach."

ADR Awards 2015-2016 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

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B.A., University of Pennsylvania (European History) & Wharton School of Business (Minors in Marketing and Entrepreneurial Management), 1987

ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association, 30 hours, 2016

ADR Style "Evaluative/Facilitative Caucus-Driven"

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange

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ADR Style "I do not have a fixed approach to mediation. Some cases need a heavy dose of caucusing, while others lend themselves to a collaborative approach. In some cases, the parties will not settle until they receive an evaluative assessment of their claims."  
ADR Awards 2013-2014 Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California; Mediation Conference with the Most Parties Which Settled; Mediation Conference Involving the Most Largest Amount of Money Which Settled  
1997-1998 Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara

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ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of process, with the parties coming together to discuss the various proposals on the table and then separately meeting with me when it appears appropriate. My approach is collaborative and is designed to help facilitate the settlement discussions between the parties rather than impose my idea of what that settlement should be."  
ADR Awards 2019-2020 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Northern Division  
2008-2009 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled; Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (3-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division  
2007-2008 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern District; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern District  
1996-1997 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations (6-way tie)  
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ADR Awards 2007-2008 Mediation Conference with the Most Parties (3-way tie), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

Counties: Los Angeles, Riverside

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Education J.D., Columbia University, 1977  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I use caucuses and a collaborative approach. I do not provide evaluations except when it appears helpful to do so."

ADR Awards 2020-2021 Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California; Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Which Settled (2-way tie); Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money; Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled (2-way tie); Mediator Who Conducted the Most Mediations Which Settled, San Fernando Valley Division (6-way tie) and Santa Ana Division (3-way tie)

2019-2020 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and Los Angeles Division (2-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District (3-way tie), Los Angeles Division, and Northern Division (3-way tie)

2018-2019 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled (3-way tie)

2016-2017 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled

2014-2015 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation With the Most Parties Which Settled

1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District (3-way tie)

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ADR Style "I use caucus/no caucus, directive/collaborative, evaluative/facilitative depending on the personalities of the involved parties."  
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ADR Style "It appears to me that in business litigation cases, evaluative mediation using both joint sessions and occasional caucus works most effectively."  
ADR Awards 2020-2021 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California (2-way tie)  
2018-2019 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (3-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie)  
2015-2016 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (4-way tie)  
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ADR Style "I believe that any business mediation, even those that already involve counsel, should still start out with a facilitative mediation approach with short opening statements by counsel. Obviously, the mediation then rapidly evolves and an evaluative mediation approach, with multiple caucuses, is usually necessary. "

ADR Awards 2020-2021 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division (6-way tie) and Riverside Division

2019-2020 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division (3-way tie)

2008-2009 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division (4-way tie)

1996-1997 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Riverside Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division

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ADR Style "I was trained in all approaches, i.e., caucus, directive/collaborative, and evaluative/facilitative; I would use all as the situation required."

ADR Awards 2019-2020 Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

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ADR Style "I prefer collaborative caucus approach."

ADR Awards 2008-2009 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Riverside Division (4-way tie)

1996-1997 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Riverside Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division

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ADR Style "I use the caucus approach, unless the parties prefer otherwise. I will evaluate a case or make a mediator's proposal or both at the parties' request."

ADR Awards 2012-2013 Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled (3-way tie), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California; Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and Santa Ana Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie)

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ADR Style "I try to maintain a flexible and creative approach to the mediation process to best suit the issues and the disposition thereof and background of the parties."

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I tend to be more facilitative, using caucus when necessary. I try not to be evaluative, but more collaborative."

ADR Awards 2015-2016 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division (4-way tie)

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara

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ADR Style "I will not normally hold any joint sessions with the parties unless two or more of the parties have interests in common. My style is facilitative with a touch of evaluative if I believe that I have extensive experience in the specific area of law or issue involved in the dispute."  
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Center for Conflict Resolution, 8 hours, 2018  
ADR Style "I initiate with a joint session then apply caucus. While I apply facilitative and collaborative styles, depending on the needs and style of the participants, I may utilize evaluative or directive approach to overcome impasse and/or arrive at a settlement."  
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ADR Training Center for Dispute Resolution (Kenneth Cloke), 32 hours, 2020  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Cross-Cultural Skills in Mediation Training, 14 hours, 2007; Basic Mediation Training, 42 hours, 2005  
ADR Style "I favor a flexible approach that utilizes both facilitative and evaluative techniques depending upon the issues, the parties, and the nature of the dispute. Most of the time, I think caucuses are helpful."  
ADR Awards 2020-2021 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (3-way tie)  
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ADR Style "No caucus. Directive. Evaluative with Facilitative nuances. I mediated 100's of cases while on the bench. Some members of the bar know I continue to do so pro bono. I wanted the CD mediation program to get credit for my donated services as much as possible but will continue to mediate under any guise desired by the parties and the court."  
ADR Awards 2018-2019 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Entire Central District and Riverside Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division

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ADR Style "I take the evaluative/facilitative approach to mediation, because it takes the parties' position into account and, then focuses on the parties' realistic offers to attain a non-litigation resolution of the dispute."

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University of California, Los Angeles Ombudsman's Office Campus Mediation Service,  
1989  
Center for Dispute Resolution, 25 hours, 1989-90

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Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 42 hours, 2016

ADR Style "I prefer a caucus style of mediation that is more facilitative than evaluative. However, I am flexible and would shift to a more evaluative or other style if that might aid the settlement process."

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1998  
Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, 3 hours, 1996

ADR Awards 2004-2005 Conducted Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

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ADR Style "My approach is to resolve the dispute as efficiently as possible. The process I use depends on the nature of the dispute and the personalities of the players."

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ADR Style "My approach to mediation will vary in each case, and possibly at different stages of the mediation, and will depend on the nature of the dispute, the relationship of the parties, and the time allocated to the mediation process. In any given mediation, I may use both an evaluative approach and a facilitative approach at different times. I utilize both caucuses and joint sessions - caucuses give the parties and counsel the opportunity to discuss the matters more openly."

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Occupation Attorney

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Awards 2020-2021 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (3-way tie)

2016-2017 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (6-way tie)

2006-2007 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division

Counties: Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside

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J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School, 1968  
B.B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1965  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30  
hours, 1995  
ADR Style "Whatever it takes to convince litigants not to be stupid."  
ADR Awards 1996-1997 Mediation Conference with the Most Parties (2-way tie), U.S.  
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Occupation Attorney (Bankruptcy); Mediator  
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Diploma in Philosophy, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 1981  
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, 1980  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Cross-  
Cultural Skills in Mediation Training, 14 hours, 2007; Advanced Mediation Training, 13  
hours, 2005  
Dispute Resolution Services Program of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Basic  
Mediation Training Program, 30 hours, 1998; and Civil and Workplace Mediation Training  
Program, 16 hours, 1988  
ADR Style "Combination facilitative and evaluative. The case law and the facts count, and should be  
the basis for finding a global, cost-effective solution satisfactory to all parties. Attorneys  
and clients who work with me generally find that I am helpful in identifying the key issues  
and finding useful, cost-effective solutions."

ADR Awards	2020-2021	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Entire Central District (2-way tie) and Los Angeles Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District and Los Angeles Division
	2019-2020	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie)
	2018-2019	Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Which Settled (2-way tie); Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (3-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Los Angeles Division (2-way tie)
	2017-2018	Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Which Settled (2-way tie); Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (3-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District (2-way tie), San Fernando Valley Division and Los Angeles Division
	2016-2017	Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Which Settled; Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District and Los Angeles Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Los Angeles Division (4-way tie)
	2014-2015	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division (3-way tie) and Santa Ana Division (5-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2012-2013	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and Los Angeles Division (2-way tie)
	2007-2008	Mediator Who Conducted Longest Mediation Which Settled
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Education	J.D., Southwestern University School of Law B.A., University of California, Los Angeles
ADR Training	Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Cross-Cultural Skills in Mediation Training, 14 hours, 2007; Advanced Mediation Training, 6 hours, 2006; Advanced Mediation Training, 26 hours, 2005 Extensive Mediation, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Update training with the State Bar of California and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Temporary Judge Program, Los Angeles Superior Court Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Training Course in Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, 40 hours, 2000 State Bar of California, 9 hours, 1999
ADR Style	"My mediation style is transformational with the focus on reducing conflict and repairing relationships. My style is flexible and adaptive as the individual situations require, and I can perform evaluative mediation techniques."
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ADR Style "Obtaining an early commitment from the participants to the forward-looking concept of mediation and moving the resolution process in a positive direction by facilitating negotiation by means of alternating private caucusing."  
ADR Awards 2016-2017 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (6-way tie)  
2006-2007 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (5-way tie)  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1996  
ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of program which, based on my own experience, is more effective. I believe that the parties will be more receptive to this method of mediation, but recognize that it is dependent upon their commitment."  
ADR Awards 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles (2-way tie)  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange

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Occupation Trustee; Receiver; Interim Management; Court's Expert Witness; Fiduciary  
Education M.S., American Graduate School of International Management, 1972  
B.S., Arizona State University, Business, 1971  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Advanced Mediation Training, 13 hours, 2005; Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 1995

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ADR Style "My approach works best when both parties really want to settle. I quantify the high and the low values and then focus on the one or two items that will move the needle to achieve settlement. I am selective in the cases I take (do both parties really want to settle?) and therefore enjoy an 85% success rate. I also think outside the box and on occasion come up with inventive solutions that were not previously in play. Conversely, my approach is least effective when the request for mediation is made merely to satisfy the judge's decision to send the matter to mediation, but one of the parties is recalcitrant and will only settle on his or her terms. I use a white board to lay out options, and I keep the parties and their counsel informed about the progress in closing the distributive value gap."

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ADR Awards	2019-2020	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Riverside Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Riverside Division
	2018-2019	Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Which Settled; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2017-2018	Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Which Settled; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
	2016-2017	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
	2015-2016	Mediator Who Conducted the Longest Mediation Which Settled; Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (4-way tie) and Santa Ana Division (4-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
	2014-2015	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
	2011-2012	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
	2010-2011	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (2 way tie)
	2008-2009	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (3-way tie)
	2006-2007	Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled; Mediation Conference with the Most Parties (2-way tie)
	2003-2004	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
	2002-2003	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie)
	2000-2001	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
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ADR Training	Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995	
ADR Style	"I think that the best way to settle a case is to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of each of the causes of action. I then look at the value of the case and look at the chances of collectibility. As a result of this approach, and my 25 years of experience in the area of bankruptcy, I have a high success rate of settlement."	
ADR Awards	2016-2017	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles Division (4-way tie)



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M.B.A., University of La Verne, 2002

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ACC, Professional Mediation, 2007  
Los Angeles Superior Court, ADR, Cross-Cultural, Overcoming Impasse, Managing Attorney-Client Dynamics, 2007-2008

ADR Style Facilitate a safe and professional space for the parties' participation throughout the session and when needed evaluative approach to the issues with caucus and help parties to realize the value of the settlement against the risk involved to be able to settle with a total informed decision.

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ADR Style "I prefer caucus/collaborative/facilitative methodology where parties come to understand the positions of each other in an attempt to reach a resolution, and I am comfortable with more of an evaluative/directive approach as well."

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Straus Institute STARS Program, 18 hours, 2011  
ADR Style "My approach to mediation is dependent on the facts, history of the case and relationship of the parties. Separate caucus can be useful to encourage honest and free communication. Joint sessions may be useful to encourage brain storming and collaborative solutions. My style will move from facilitative to evaluative as the facts dictate and management of the mediation may require."  
ADR Awards 2020-2021 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division (6-way tie)  
2019-2020 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled (2-way tie)  
2018-2019 Mediator Who Conducted the Mediation with the Most Parties Which Settled (3-way tie)  
2016-2017 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Santa Ana Division (6-way tie)  
2013-2014 Mediator Who Conducted the Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled  
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ADR Style "Caucus/facilitative."  
ADR Awards 2015-2016 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (4-way tie)

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ADR Style "I prefer to examine the strengths and weaknesses of each side and explain to each side  
where there is exposure. I believe it is then easier to facilitate an informal resolution."

ADR Awards 2020-2021 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy  
Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division (6-  
way tie)  
2013-2014 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District and Los  
Angeles Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of  
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ADR Style "A facilitative process for parties who are committed to mediation for a resolution.  
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ADR Training In excess of 525 hours from various trainers and institutions, including, without limitation: Los Angeles County Bar Association/Dispute Resolution Services, Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 1991; Advanced Mediation Skills, 8 hours, 1991; Advanced Mediation Training, 6 hours, 2008  
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Advanced Mediation Practice, 18 hours, 1999; Alternate Dispute Resolution, 28 hours, 1999; Mediation Seminar, 28 hours, 2000; Negotiation & Settlement Advocacy, 28 hours, 2000; Social Psychology of Conflict, 28 hours, 2001; Communication & Conflict, 28 hours, 2001; Ideological Foundations of Third Party Practice, 28 hours, 2003; Current Issues in International Dispute Resolution (London/Geneva), 28 hours, 2003; Strategic Negotiation Skills, 18 hours, 2005; Mediation as Leader, 18 hours, 2006; Preventing Bad Settlement Decisions & Impasse, 18 hours, 2012  
U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Advanced Mediation Strategies, 13 hours, 2005; Advanced Mediation Training for Mediation Panel Members, 13 hours, 2006 and 13 hours, 2007; Advanced Mediation Skills, 13 hours, 2009

ADR Style "I describe my approach as 'opinionated impartiality'."

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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association Center for Civic Mediation, Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 2014  
Beverly Hills Bar Association Mediation Training, 6 hours, 1989

ADR Style "I tend toward evaluative, but do not lead off by predicting results or valuing cases, but I do, of course, weave my perceptions regarding liability and damages into the process. I think caucuses are valuable, and will consult with counsel regarding the appropriateness of group sessions."

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ADR Style I evaluate and approach each dispute on a case-by-case basis. I take some time to learn about the parties and their goals and to involve the parties and their attorneys as much as possible in the process, seeking to understand their positions and their goals. If I determine that a caucus approach would be useful, I initiate a caucus; if it appears that caucus would be counter-productive, then I do not conduct one. My approach is collaborative, seeking to empower the parties to actively participate and partake in the process of resolving their dispute. I make an effort to make sure that all participants are invested in the outcome. I use both the evaluative or facilitative methods, depending on the circumstances of the particular case. I am flexible and adapt to the particular circumstances of each case. I attempt to determine quickly what approach or method will work best depending on the personalities and goals of each party. I work to getting the support of the attorneys to work with their clients in a continuing effort to bridge gaps and achieve a workable resolution.

Counties: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis Obispo

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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Services, 30 hours  
California State University, Dominguez Hills, 30 hours

ADR Style "All three are used, as needed, however, the collaborative and facilitative approach is primarily used."

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,  
Mediating the Litigated Case, 42 hours, 2017

ADR Style "Evaluative Broad; Initial Brief Joint Caucus/Session, Collaborative."

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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association Center for Civic Mediation, 30 hours, 2013

ADR Style "I prefer an evaluative approach which gives the parties an independent view of the  
strengths and weaknesses of their case."

ADR Awards 2021-2022 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled

Counties: Los Angeles

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Education Graduate Studies in Urban Policy and Social Work, University of Chicago, 1977-1980  
Master of Education and General Studies, Harvard University, 1972  
Bachelor of Urban Planning, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1971

ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association Center for Civic Mediation, 30 hours, 2013

ADR Style "My approach is a combination of Facilitative and Analytical Mediation. Hearing each  
side's version of the history and facts is important. I try to then find what disagreement  
can be solved first and then attempt to craft with all parties win-win proposals that can  
shape a process toward solutions."

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Occupation Real Estate Loan Broker; Arbitrator; Mediator

Education Santa Monica City College, Real Estate Certification, 1976  
B.S., University of Colorado, 1961

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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. (DRS), 30 hours, 2003  
County of Los Angeles Assessment Appeals Board

ADR Style "I prefer to use an approach to assist the parties to move toward a satisfactory resolution of the matters at hand in a facilitative manner. This includes the use of caucus with each side."

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I use a caucus type of program. Aspects of both the collaborative and evaluative approach are used depending on the circumstances. Difficult issues are welcome as long as the parties are committed to the process."

ADR Awards 2015-2016 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Riverside Division (3-way tie)

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Occupation Attorney (Bankruptcy)

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ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties in this process need to understand and commit to the non-litigated resolution of their differences, which may take substantial discussion."

ADR Awards	2012-2013	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division (3-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
	2010-2011	Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled; Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District and Los Angeles Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District and Los Angeles Division
	2009-2010	Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled
	2008-2009	Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled
	2007-2008	Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled
	2005-2006	Mediation Conference with the Most Parties (2-way tie); Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Entire Central District, San Fernando Valley Division (4-way tie) and Los Angeles Division (2-way tie); Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Entire Central District (2-way tie), San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie) and Los Angeles Division
	2003-2004	Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
	1998-1999	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley
	1996-1997	Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley

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 E.D., University of Southern California, 1985  
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 B.S., University of Missouri, 1979

ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Association Advanced Mediation Skills, 18 hours, 2016  
 Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 42 hours, 2003  
 Los Angeles County Superior Court, Various Mediation Topics and Training, over 14 hours, 2003-present

ADR Style "I prefer a facilitative approach to mediation, where I can help the parties reach a resolution in their case, given that at times one might have to be also evaluative in order to provide a reality check to the parties. I also like to break into caucus after giving the parties ample opportunity to present their issues in the joint session."

Language(s): Farsi [Persian]

Counties: Los Angeles

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M.A., Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 2006  
B.A., History, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2003  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,  
Mediating the Litigated Case 40 hours, 2022  
ADR Style My approach is flexible and depends on the needs of the parties. I prefer collaborative,  
facilitative, and creative approaches that can be adapted to the situation of the case.  
Language(s): Hebrew  
Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Luis  
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hours, 1995  
ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties in  
this process need to understand and commit to the non-litigated resolution of their  
differences, which may take substantial discussion."  
ADR Awards 2018-2019 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30  
hours, 1995  
ADR Style "Caucus, shuttle diplomacy. My focus is to facilitate the parties' understanding of the  
underlying motivations as well as the factual basis for their positions to find resolution.  
Mediation is not merely an opportunity for compromise; it is also an opportunity to express  
and find validation as well as resolution through the expression of viewpoints and issues."  
Counties: ,

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B.A., University of Southern California, School of Journalism, 1976

ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "Flexible, open-minded, practical."

ADR Awards 2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Northern Division

Language(s): Spanish

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1996  
Advanced Mediator's Forum Pepperdine/JAMS-Endispute, 1997

ADR Style "I prefer an initial joint meeting with separate caucus approach thereafter. I prefer to stay away from expressing evaluations of a matter but do not mind asking hard questions as a reality check on parties' positions. I look for creative solutions."

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Certified Specialist in Legal Malpractice Law, California Board of Legal Specialization, 2016  
J.D., UCLA School of Law, 1985  
M.A. (Comparative Literature), UCLA, 1983; UCLA, BA B.A., summa cum laude, UCLA, 1985

ADR Training "Mediating the Litigated Case", Straus Institute of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 42 hours, 2000- 2001

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ADR Style "Evaluative. I tend to be confrontational with the parties to the mediation and give them an understanding of the weaknesses of their respective cases, so as to bring them closer to resolution. In some cases, a more collaborative approach will be appropriate where continuing business, family or other personal relationships, or collateral legal issues/proceedings exist. I tend to be very tenacious with the parties to a mediation and, if there is a resolution, always insist on writing to document the terms before the mediation is concluded. In certain cases, it is appropriate to resolve part of the matter and leave it open for further discovery or resolution of ancillary issues. As to General Sessions, I don't find them very useful, other than for introductions. The majority of the work gets done in caucuses."

Language(s): Hebrew

Counties: Los Angeles, Ventura

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, Community Service Program, 25 hours

ADR Style "Caucus if applicable; utilize various methods, depending upon the emotional states of the disputants, whether attorneys are involved and the nature of the dispute(s). I tend to be directive, but tailor the approach to nature of the dispute and the parties' needs."

ADR Awards 2012-2013 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Northern Division (3-way tie)

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ADR Training Los Angeles County Bar Center for Civic Mediation, 30 hours, 2012

ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of program which is evaluative. I am open to developing creative alternatives for resolution."

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B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1977

ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I prefer a facilitative process which hopefully brings the parties to a realistic evaluation of their positions with an emphasis on settlement. I do prefer to use the caucus method to facilitate cooperation."

ADR Awards 2021-2022 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator In Northern Division Of United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

Counties: Los Angeles, Ventura

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "My focus is on all party discussions, with individual caucus sessions being a rare exception. My preference is consensus building, but in certain cases, I will utilize an evaluative and directive approach."

ADR Awards 2006-2007 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange

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ADR Style "I prefer to use the caucus type of process. However, depending upon the dynamics of the particular mediation, other techniques may be used."

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ADR Style "I will use one or more approaches, depending upon the matter and the parties' desires."  
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B.A., University of Illinois, 1967  
ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30  
hours, 1995  
ADR Style "I prefer a caucus type of program, where the clients provide the majority of the input. It is  
their mediation. The higher their level of participation, the greater the possibility of  
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Counties: Orange

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Education J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, 1995  
M.B.A., Pepperdine University Graduate School of Business and Management, 1994  
B.A., University of California, Los Angeles (Political Science), 1991  
ADR Training Asian Pacific American Alternative Dispute Resolution (APADRC), 40 hours  
ADR Style "My process runs the spectrum from facilitative to evaluative (and occasionally directive)  
depending on the type of dispute, the needs of the parties, their ability to negotiate and  
the likelihood of impasse. As a game theorist, I believe the aim of mediation is to build a  
shared environment where we can extract the issues from the emotions and keep the  
parties focused on resolving their conflict through negotiation. My goal as a mediator is to  
promote communication between the parties by taking into account the cultural dynamics  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995  
ADR Style "Facilitative, big picture, caucus-heavy."  
ADR Awards 2015-2016 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Entire Central District (3-way tie) and Los Angeles Division (2-way tie)  
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ADR Training 49.75 hours of mediation training including, without limitation:  
The Center for Mediation in Law/The Center for Understanding Conflict, 32 hours, 2012  
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, "Mediating in the Red Zone," 18 hours, 2010; "Court-Based Mediation of Family Law Matters, 18 hours, 2009; LL.M., 2008  
Orange County Superior Court/Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) Evaluator Training. 5.75 hours, 2008  
Environmental & Public Policy Dispute Resolution, 12 hours, 2007  
ADR Style "My ADR style is closely tailored to the needs of the litigants, generally preferring a pre-session conference to jointly reckon the best course to follow."  
Counties: Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino

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ADR Style "I try to use a balanced approach involving all available methods including caucusing when appropriate. I would also be guided by the wishes of the parties and the factors involved in any particular situation."  
ADR Awards 2007-2008 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division (7-way tie)  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,  
Advanced Mediation Training, 13 hours, 2005; Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 1998  
ADR Awards 2016-2017 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy  
Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles Division (4-way tie)  
2012-2013 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (3-  
way tie)  
2006-2007 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division (2-way tie)  
2005-2006 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Los Angeles  
Division (2-way tie)  
2001-2002 Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled; Most Frequently Chosen  
Mediator, Northern District  
1998-1999 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division;  
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando  
Valley Division  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 18  
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ADR Style "My approach is flexible depending on the needs of the case and parties. The focus of  
the mediation will be on finding a consensual resolution based on a variety of factors,  
including non-traditional damage considerations."  
ADR Awards 2019-2020 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy  
Court, Central District of California, Entire Central District (3-way tie)  
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Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura

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Education Certification-Law Overview (Contracts; Torts; Judicial Process & Criminal Law, University of West Los Angeles School of Law, 1991  
B.S., University of Redlands, 1990, Business Administration & Management  
A.A., Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Labor Studies, 1980  
A.S., Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Accounting, 1972

ADR Training Los Angeles City Attorney Dispute Resolution Program, Marketing Mediation Certification, 3 hours, 2013  
Center for Dispute Resolution (Kenneth Cloke), Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training, 32 hours, 2011  
Los Angeles Federal Executive Board (FEB), Basic Mediation Certification (Federal Government Workplace), 40 hours, 2009  
Martin Luther King Dispute Resolution Center, Mediating the Litigated Case, 10 hours, 2008  
Martin Luther King Dispute Resolution Center, Mediation Certification, 40 hours, 2007  
Better Business Bureau, Colton, CA, Lemon Law Arbitration Certification, 60+ hours, 1992- 2006  
Federal Mediation Conciliation Services (FMCS), Washington, D.C., Labor Arbitration Certification, 40 hours, 2003  
Cornell University, New York, NY, Employment Law Mediation Certification, 40 hours, 2000  
Centinela Youth Services (CYS), Hawthorne, CA, Mediation Certification, 182+ hours, 1998  
Los Angeles City Attorney Dispute Resolution Program, Mediation, Conciliation and Facilitation Certification, 60+ hours, 1997

ADR Style "The caucus approach is preferred, which encourages collaboration. Said approach with discussions could lead to a win-win resolution to parties' differences."

Counties: Los Angeles

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I employ a collaborative and facilitative approach which includes caucusing and can include a more evaluative approach when appropriate. Generally, my approach requires commitment to the process with a minimum of posturing."

ADR Awards 2003-2004 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division

Language(s): German

Counties: Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995  
Family Law Mediation, County of San Bernardino

ADR Style "Caucus/directive/facilitative."

Language(s): German

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo

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Occupation Attorney (Business Bankruptcy Law, American Board of Certification)

Education J.D., University of Utah College of Law, 1985  
B.A., Brigham Young University, 1982

ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I am not committed to any approach but prefer a caucus format that is collaborative. My objective is also to facilitate open discussion and I will resist evaluative processes."

Language(s): Dutch

Counties: Ventura

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Education J.D., University of Texas School of law, with honors, 1985  
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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Advanced Mediation Training, 13 hours, 2005; Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours, 1998

ADR Style "Caucus with each party to understand needs/goals/motives and facilitate accommodation that satisfies greatest number of needs of each party. Neutral evaluation of legal positions plays a role, but often is not dispositive."

ADR Awards 2021-2022 Longest Mediation Conference (Settled)  
Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled  
Mediation Involving the Most Attendees

2019-2020 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie)

2012-2013 Mediation Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled

Language(s): Spanish

Counties: Los Angeles, Orange

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

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Education Parker School of Foreign & Comparative Law, 1983  
J.D., Columbia University, 1982  
B.A., Indiana University, with distinction, 1979

ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "Caucus, collaborative, both evaluative and facilitative, depending on the case."

ADR Awards 2000-2001 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Northern Division; Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division

Counties: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara

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Education J.D., Loyola Law School, 1989  
B.A., UCLA, 1986

ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, "Mediating the Litigated Case," 42 hours, 2014

ADR Style "Initially evaluative and facilitative with an eye toward directive and collaborative."

ADR Awards 2021-2022 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator In San Fernando Valley Division Of United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

Counties: Los Angeles, San Bernardino

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ADR Training Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995

ADR Style "I view effective mediation as a collaborative process which may require the parties to engage in substantial discussion to reach the underlying issues in the case. To that end, I include caucuses in mediation. I see my role in those caucuses as primarily the facilitator. When necessary to the progress of the mediation or when requested by one or both parties, I will take a directive and/or evaluative approach to the mediation."

ADR Awards 1998-1999 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie), U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California  
1997-1998 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled (2-way tie)

Counties: Orange

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