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Anthony S. Khoury, Esq.

Former Kern County Superior Court Commissioner

Anthony has more than 20 years in the legal industry, culminating most recently, with a position as a Court Commissioner in Kern County where he presided over very diverse calendars, including, preliminary hearings in criminal felony matters, family law, domestic violence restraining orders, civil harassment restraining orders, small claims, limited civil, unlawful detainer, traffic and juvenile traffic, child support/AB1058, and misdemeanor jury trials. During his time on the bench in Kern County, Anthony also created a civil mediation program for limited civil, small claims, unlawful detainer, and civil harassment matters, and he created a voluntary settlement program for family law matters, as well as served as a mandatory settlement conference judge for unlimited civil matters.

Prior to taking the bench, Anthony ran a successful law practice for over a decade, specializing in civil, business, and employment law litigation. During that time, he represented both plaintiffs and defendants, and participated in dozens of mediations. Despite his extensive experience as a trial attorney, Anthony's reputation was that of a staunch, but pragmatic, advocate--often receiving praise from colleagues, opposing attorneys, and judicial officers alike, for his exemplary ethical conduct, courteous and affable demeanor, and his ability to get cases settled.

Practice Areas

- Mr. Khoury's practice areas include: employment, business/contractual, family law/divorce mediation, personal injury, bad faith/insurance coverage, class actions, and construction defect.

Conflict Resolution

- During Mr. Khoury's time on the bench in Kern County, he created a civil mediation program for limited civil, small claims, unlawful detainer, and civil harassment matters. He also created a voluntary settlement program for family law matters, as well as served as a mandatory settlement conference judge for unlimited civil matters.
- Pepperdine University, Caruso School of Law, Straus Institute LL.M. Candidate in Dispute Resolution

Education & Training

- Washington University in St. Louis, School of Law: J.D. (May 2004); Honors and Activities: Scholar-in-Law Award, NAPIL Pro Bono and Public Service Award, and Criminal Law Society Founder and President
- University of California, Los Angeles: B.A. with College Honors (June 2001) in the Individual Field of Concentration of Social Deviance and Criminal Justice, with Minors in Afro-American Studies and Political Science

Organizations & Achievements

- Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association (AAA) Panel of Employment Arbitrators
- Adjunct Lecturer in Law - Arbitration in the United States, USC Gould School of Law.
- Member, Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA) and Co-Leader of SCMA PDG for Employment, and for Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
- Member, International Academy of Mediators (IAM) Mentorship Program
- Member (Alternate), Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC), State Bar of California
- Board Member (2022), California Court Commissioners Association (CCCA)
- Member, State Bar of California (admitted June 1, 2005)
- Temporary Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court (since July 2015)
- Attorney Coach, Santa Susana HS Mock Trial Team (2019-20)
- Attorney Coach, UCLA Mock Trial Program (2015-16)
- Attorney Coach, Thousand Oaks HS Mock Trial Team (2012-2015)
- Fluent in spoken and written French; excellent conversational and written ability in Spanish; and significant conversational ability in Arabic.

Mr. Khoury is available throughout California.