



LAUREL GREENSPAN KAUFER, ESQ.

Mediator/Arbitrator

After years of mediating part-time while practicing law, Laurel Kaufer transitioned to a fulltime neutral practice in 1995. Mediating disputes successfully through panels across Southern California, Ms. Kaufer was quickly able to gain strong credibility, serving as a neutral in more than 1000 cases. Ms. Kaufer's conflict resolution practice focuses on business litigation, construction, real estate and personal injury matters. She also has experience resolving a wide range of other civil disputes.

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Construction, Real Estate, Landlord/Tenant, Homeowner/Contractor, Homeowner's Association, Professional Negligence, Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith, Product Liability, Personal Injury, Premises Liability

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

After a decade of resolving litigated cases, Ms. Kaufer now works to address conflict before litigation, particularly in the resolution of construction, real estate and commercial disputes. Ms. Kaufer has been instrumental in the restructuring of a public mediation panel through the Southland Regional Association of Realtors and regularly speaks throughout Southern California on Real Estate mediation. Ms. Kaufer also arbitrates Contractors State Licensing Board disputes and mediates through both the Santa Barbara CADRe program and the Ventura County Superior Court.

Prior to becoming a fulltime neutral, Ms. Kaufer was a sole practitioner specializing in civil litigation.

Most recently, Ms. Kaufer founded the Non-Profit Mississippi Mediation Project to provide Community Conflict Resolution programs to Hurricane Katrina victims, strengthening their physical, cultural and economic renewal.

Ms. Kaufer is available throughout Southern California.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Diplomate and Advisory Committee Member, California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Member: California State Bar Association Standing Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution
- California Dispute Resolution Council, Qualifications and Standards Committee, Standards of Conduct for Mediators in Court-connected Mediation Programs for Civil Cases
- Author: "The Mediation Moment," a weekly Internet subscription publication (9/01-12/04); numerous articles in publications such as the *Los Angeles* and *San Francisco Daily Journals* and *Broker Agent Magazine*
- Mentors Pepperdine and UCLA law students and masters degree students in dispute resolution

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- B.A., University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 1982
- J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA, 1986
- Dispute Resolution Services, Los Angeles, CA, Certificate in Mediation, 1995
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Malibu, CA, Advanced Mediation Skills, 1999, 2007



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