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Barry M. Appell, Esq.

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Barry Appell has 25 years' experience representing both employees and employers in employment litigation in trial and appellate courts, arbitrations, and administrative proceedings. Barry also has experience conducting trainings and workplace investigations, preparing handbooks, and counseling employers for compliance with employment laws.

From 1994-2004, Barry represented employers exclusively. He has represented both employees and employers since 2004, although primarily employees. This range of experience allows him to understand disputes from the unique perspectives of each side, including their personal goals and needs. His knowledge of all aspects of employment law, along with his straightforward approach, has resulted in Barry achieving a very high success rate in getting cases resolved.

Barry also has experience mediating personal injury matters, including auto accidents and premises liability claims.

Practice Areas

Employment law disputes including harassment and discrimination, failure to accommodate, retaliation, leave laws, wrongful termination, wage and hour, including class actions and PAGA, employment contracts, unfair competition, privacy.

Organizations and Achievements

- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Employment Law Section
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Employment Law Section
- California Employment Lawyers Association
- Southern California Mediation Association
- Named to "Southern California Rising Stars" (2004) and "Southern California Super Lawyers" (2005-2021, *Super Lawyers*, Thompson Reuters)
- Avvo Top-Rated Lawyer (2021)

Education and Training

- J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1994
- B.S., California State University Northridge, Business, 1991, *cum laude*
- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, Mediating the Litigated Case, August 2015
- Mediator, Center for Conflict Resolution, 2016-2019
- Mediator, Small Claims, Los Angeles Superior Court, 2016-2019
- Mediator, Ventura County Superior Court, ADR Panel, 2018 to present
- Mediator, Mediation Center of Los Angeles, 2019 to present

Mr. Appell is available throughout Southern California.