MEDIATOR PROFILE - David S. Schlueter, Esq.

EDUCATION:

Undergraduate: University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL, 1979 Law School: Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, CA, 1982

Mediation Certificates: Los Angeles County bar Association, DRS Mediator Certificate Program, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law (Mediating the Litigated Case; Mediating Complex Construction Disputes, Elder Care Mediation, Divorce and Family Mediation)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

David Schlueter practiced for almost 40 years as a full-time litigator, handling a variety of matters in construction, construction defect, real estate, personal injury and business litigation. David's mediation and arbitration practice includes a wide spectrum of matters, including real estate, construction, bodily injury and insurance. His real estate practice in both litigation and mediation/arbitration has included cases involving neighbor disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, defective rehab and non-disclosure.

David is also an arbitrator for the California Contractors State License Board.

AFFILIATIONS:

California State Bar #108567
Los Angeles County Bar Association
Member, Southern California Mediation Association
Member, Academy of Professional Family Mediators
Member, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
Member, Defense Research Institute (former)

STATEMENT:

Being involved in a dispute is never fun- it is extremely expensive in terms of time, money and emotional capital. Formal litigation is long and the most expensive, while arbitration can also be expensive- and both have someone else make the final decision for the parties. In mediation, the parties have input and a say as to how the conflict is resolved. The mediator helps guide the parties to this mutual resolution, asking needed questions and focusing on important issues. I have been told by many that my Midwestern upbringing has served me well as a mediator in that I am empathetic to the issues for all the parties involved, I have an easy manner and that I listen carefully to understand the issues and concerns driving the conflict. From my experience as a litigator and my broad mediation experience and training, I help the parties reach a mutual resolution which is the best result for all.

FEES: \$500/hour

SERVICE AREAS: Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange and Santa Barbara Counties
As far as Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Orange County he would have them at Personal Court
Reporters/Veritext. Orange County: Flat travel fee of \$300

OFFICE LOCATION: Westlake Village

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