MEDIATOR PROFILE – Steven M. Sepassi, Esq.

EDUCATION

- 1995 - J.D., Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, CA
- 1985 - E.D., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1981 - M.S., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- 1979 - B.S., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Sepassi began his career not in law, but in aerospace. A graduate of the University of Missouri and the University of Southern California, he worked as a software engineer at Rockwell International, supporting NASA's Space Shuttle and Space Station programs. His technical background sharpened his attention to detail and problem-solving instincts—skills that continue to serve him today as he dissects facts, challenges assumptions, and builds practical paths forward for parties in conflict.

His interest in human connection ultimately led him to pursue a law degree while raising a family and managing a real estate and mortgage business with his real estate broker's license. This experience included operating a Realty World franchise dealing with real estate sellers, buyers, and agents.

Upon graduating law school, he launched his own legal practice and later co-founded Sepassi & Tarighati LLP, where he represented both plaintiffs and insured defendants—giving him a uniquely balanced perspective that informs his work as a neutral.

Mr. Sepassi joined ADR Services, Inc. in 2023 and quickly became known for his steady presence and evaluative style. He has mediated and arbitrated hundreds of matters, including real estate transaction disputes.

AFFILIATIONS

- United States District Court, Central District of California, Mediator Panel
- Ventura County Superior Court, ADR Panel
- Los Angeles County Superior Court, Mediator Panel
- Los Angeles County Superior Court, Former Temporary Judge
- California Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate District, Mediator Panel
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association (Trustee, 2017-2023; Chair of ADR Section, 2025-present)
- Iranian American Lawyers Association (President, 2000-2001)

STATEMENT

Mr. Sepassi brings more than 30 years of litigation and negotiation, as well as life experience to his work as a neutral. Known for his unwavering integrity, analytical mindset, and down-to-earth demeanor, Mr.

Sepassi is regarded as a patient, insightful, and pragmatic mediator and arbitrator who earns trust quickly and guides parties toward durable resolution.

His transition to dispute resolution was a natural evolution rooted in his values: a belief in dignity, fairness, and clarity. After a successful litigation career, Mr. Sepassi now dedicates his full attention to helping others resolve conflicts with empathy and precision.

FEES:

$500 per hour

SERVICE AREAS:

Los Angeles County for in-person mediations, and across California via online mediations.

OFFICE LOCATION:

Century City and downtown Los Angeles

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