

MEDIATOR PROFILE – Laura Kass-Moreno

EDUCATION

Undergraduate: Franklin & Marshall College

Law School: New England School of law

Mediation Certificate: National Conflict Resolution Center

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Laura Kass-Moreno began her legal career in 1982 as a business and real estate litigation attorney, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of both commercial and residential real estate and business matters. She expanded her practice to the area of professional malpractice defense where she represented real estate professionals, accountants and attorneys in litigation. In her position as in-house counsel, she negotiated and reviewed commercial leases and has much experience in negotiating, drafting, implementing and enforcing various contracts. Laura decided to use her negotiation skills to help parties resolve their disputes in a more productive, cost-effective manner and became a mediator in 1999. She has mediated a wide variety of real estate cases including purchase and sale disputes, non-disclosure disputes, view rights and easement cases, landlord/tenant matters, construction defect claims and homeowner's association disputes as well as property management claims and cases involving temporary restraining orders. Laura also teaches the theory and practice of mediation in addition to courses on effective communication strategies, diversity and inclusion. In addition, she is the mentor for the National Conflict Resolution Center's Mediator Credential Program working with aspiring mediators in a program that qualifies them for the San Diego Superior Court Civil Mediation Panel. Laura is a member on the Superior Court Civil Mediation Panel.

AFFILIATIONS

California State Bar #105840

National Conflict Resolution Center

West Coast Resolution Center

Member, California State Bar and State Bar Real Property Section

Member, San Diego County Bar and San Diego County Bar Real Property Section

Member, California Lawyers Association

STATEMENT

Conflict may be unavoidable, but it does not have to be unmanageable. I am committed to assuring that the parties in a mediation have an accurate understanding of each other's perspectives. Only by so doing can the parties move forward to a resolution that meets their mutual interests. Mediation is a process that saves time, money and emotional distress, and enables and empowers the parties to control their own outcome. Unlike traditional litigation that can only punish or reward past behaviors, mediation allows parties to address their current concerns as well as how they want to handle future conflicts and how they wish to communicate. It would be difficult to imagine a situation in which the parties would not benefit from participating in mediation. I believe that as long as the parties are talking, there is hope for a resolution.

FEES

\$350/hour

SERVICE AREAS

San Diego County, Orange County

OFFICE LOCATION

San Diego and Vista