

## **MEDIATOR PROFILE – BARBARA ANSCHER, ESQ.**

### **EDUCATION**

Stanford University School of Law, J.D.  
University of California, Los Angeles, M.A.  
Stanford University, B.A.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

After a career practicing and teaching law, Barbara Anscher began work as an alternative dispute resolution professional in 1998. Her expertise in mediation covers real estate, landlord-tenant, commercial contracts, consumer law, and adoptions. Ms. Anscher's affiliations in mediation include the Alameda County and San Francisco Superior courts (where she serves as a settlement judge pro tem); the cities of Union City and Mountain View (where she serves as a mediator, hearing officer and facilitator); the Bar Association of San Francisco (where she mediates attorney-client fee disputes) and Consortium for Children (where she mediates open adoptions). She is experienced working with attorneys as well as self-represented litigants.

Ms. Anscher has been a member of the State Bar of California since 1986. She received her law degree from Stanford Law School (Order of the Coif) and her undergraduate degree from Stanford University. She worked as an attorney in a major San Francisco law firm in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, real estate, and commercial finance. Her clients included corporations, investment bankers, start-ups, financial institutions, and individuals. For ten years, she was a full-time faculty member at Golden Gate University School of Law, serving for three years as associate dean of faculty. She has published articles in the areas of real estate law, legal skills training, mediation, medical malpractice, and health policy. Ms. Anscher belongs to the Association for Conflict Resolution, the Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California, the Bar Association of San Francisco ADR section, the Alameda County Bar Association, and the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution. She served one term as a member of the Committee of Bar Examiners.

Ms. Anscher is known for her even-tempered style which puts people at ease. She mainly uses a facilitative approach to mediation, but will also engage an evaluative approach when necessary to the success of the mediation. She believes it is important for the parties to be heard and to craft their settlement to reflect everyone's interests.

### **FEES**

\$275 per hour

### **SERVICE AREAS**

Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and Marin Counties with no travel fee.

Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties for a negotiable travel fee.

### **OFFICE LOCATION**

Berkeley/Oakland