

MEDIATOR PROFILE – David H. Oken

EDUCATION

Pepperdine Caruso School of Law / Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution

Mediating the Litigated Case (48 Hours Completed) – 2021

Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs

Certified Mediator and Completed DCBA Mediation Training (25 Hours Completed) – 2021

1994 Juris Doctor, Southwestern University School of Law

1987 Bachelor of Science - Business Administration/Marketing, California State University, Northridge.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 – Current	Full Time Mediator at Oken Mediation
2011-2021	Mediator/Attorney/Attorney Fee Expert at Oken Mediation/Law Offices of David H. Oken
2004-2011	Musick, Peeler & Garrett - Attorney
1993-2004	Selman Breitman - Attorney
1986-1993	McCord Insurance Services/Acordia Insurance Brokerage – Insurance Broker, Producer & Senior Account Manager
1981-1986	Fred S. Oken Agency – Insurance Broker, Producer, Controller, Account Manager

AFFILIATIONS

California Court of Appeal, Second District – Mediator Panelist

United States District Court, Central District – Mediator Panelist

Riverside County Superior Court - Mediator Panelist

L.A. County Bar Association's Attorney Client Mediation and Arbitration Services – Arbitrator/Mediator Panelist

Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Mediation Panelist (2021-2023)

STATEMENT

My Mediation practice has involved the mediation of many different types of civil disputes including real estate and land use disputes. Although my legal career was generally focused on insurance coverage litigation, I also handled real estate disputes for both Plaintiffs and Defendants, so I have a significant understanding of the issues surrounding real estate disputes and the real estate purchase process.

I believe that Mediation provides a critical opportunity for lawsuit and pre-lawsuit parties to resolve their cases and have certainty rather than the risks of the litigation process. I have the ability to connect with the parties in a manner that shows an in-depth understanding of their disputes, empathy with the parties' positions and the impact of the lawsuit on the parties, all of which results in a very high settlement percentage.

As the recipient of the highest quality mediation training at the Pepperdine/Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, my significant involvement in numerous types of civil disputes provides me with unique skills to help parties resolve their disputes through Mediation.

I have also represented national insurance companies and policyholders in insurance coverage litigation and disputes pertaining to numerous commercial insurance claim issues and I have represented policyholders in all types of insurance coverage issues, including involvement in many practice areas of civil lawsuits. I have handled numerous types of insurance coverage cases ranging from high-profile national pollution and toxic tort liability insurance claims to construction defect claims to real estate disputes and to individual first party homeowner's claims.

I also have both trial and appellate experience.

FEES:

My mediator panel rate is highly discounted at \$350 per hour.

My private mediation rate is \$9,000 per day.

SERVICE AREAS

I am available to mediate cases throughout California (and the United States) although I generally handle cases that are located in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

OFFICE LOCATION

My primary office location is in Century City, Ca.

DO NOT CONTACT MEDIATOR DIRECTLY. All mediations must be filed directly with our Center and questions for mediators pre-assignment should be arranged with our Center.