

MEDIATOR PROFILE – DEAN A. CHRISTOPHERSON, ESQ.

EDUCATION

Undergraduate: University of Washington (B.A. – 1981)

Graduate: University of San Francisco School of Law (J.D. – 1985)

Mediation Certificates: Steven Rosenberg Mediation Training – (40 hours) – completed October 2012

Steven Rosenberg Mediation Training – Advanced (15 hours) – completed October 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: In his nine years of mediation practice, Mr. Christopherson brings exceptional insight and depth of understanding gained in 35 years of experience in real estate, commercial, and banking litigation and trial practice.

Examples of the types of real estate disputes he has successfully mediated include those relating to property boundaries, quiet title (ownership), construction, broker commissions, foreclosure issues, partition, leases, and trespass.

AFFILIATIONS:

California State Bar #121723

Washington State Bar #16066

World Link for Law, Director

Contra Costa County Bar Association, Director

Contra Costa County Bar Association, Real Estate Section – past president

Member: American Bar Association, San Francisco, Contra Costa and Marin County Bar Associations

Mediation Panelist: Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Solano and Sacramento County Superior Courts, and the San Francisco and Marin County Bar Associations.

STATEMENT: Drawing on more than thirty-five years of practice in real estate, banking and commercial law, Mr. Christopherson has a very successful track record resolving cases referred to him for mediation. While his approach to mediation is very cordial and attentive, after reviewing documents submitted by the parties, and holding pre-mediation calls with counsel or the parties, Mr. Christopherson prefers to focus his discussions at mediation on those few key issues on which the ultimate resolution of the case will likely turn. These discussions often consider how the Court might view crucial evidence and questions of credibility. He always reminds the parties of the true costs of litigation (both financial and emotional) and (where a money judgment is sought) the risks of the uncollectability of any potential judgment. And while making clear to all parties that his questions and concerns will have no bearing on how the dispute will ultimately be determined if not resolved at mediation, it is very often the case that his analysis of the case with fresh eyes and a strong background in real estate litigation and trial practice leads the case to a successful resolution.

FEES: \$300.00/hour, 4-hour minimum

SERVICE AREAS: During pandemic, all mediations will be conducted via Zoom. Contra Costa, Alameda, Solano, Napa, Marin, San Joaquin, San Francisco and Stanislaus counties (with no charge for travel after pandemic). Will conduct mediations Sierra, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras,

Tuolumne, and Mariposa counties (with travel charge of \$75 per hour for in person mediations, waived for mediation of eight or more hours, after pandemic has passed).

OFFICE LOCATION: Walnut Creek. Will meet before mediations by phone with participants to assure they understand how to use Zoom, and will use break out rooms (private on line “rooms” for each side) during mediation session.

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.