

MEDIATOR PROFILE – HAROLD PETER SMITH, ESQ.

EDUCATION

Undergraduate School: A.B., Harvard University

Law School: J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law

ADR Training: Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Getting to Yes – Harvard Negotiation Project; University of California, Berkeley, University Extension, Certificate of Participation in Mediation and Conflict Resolution; Federal District Court, Northern District of California, Certificate of completion of the Court’s Mediation Training Program.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peter Smith has represented parties to real estate transactions and disputes for almost 30 years. Mr. Smith has been active in mediating disputes in real estate purchases, sales, leasing, disclosure, and fraud, as well as disputes concerning, land use, construction, and corporate governance. In addition to serving as an advocate in hundreds of mediated sessions, Mr. Smith has extensive training and experience in conducting mediations as a neutral. Additional relevant experience includes serving on the Oakland Planning Commission from 1991 to 1996 where, as chair, he was tasked with transforming the commission into an interactive and responsive deliberative body. In his various roles, Mr. Smith demonstrated a capacity to listen, to understand all points of view, including the emotional underpinnings, to convey that understanding, and, ultimately, to reach a workable result.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of California, #126985

Super Lawyers, 2014-2017

Mediation Society of Northern California, 2016 – present

Contra Costa Superior Court, Discovery Facilitator, April 2017 to present.

STATEMENT

Resolving disputes can be exhausting and expensive. Early dispute resolution through mediation cuts through most of the wear and cost. Often, disputes are grounded on issues that are below the surface and that need to be brought to light. Once all issues are brought forth and understood, I can assist the parties to reach a resolution that makes sense and avoids the time, cost, and wear and tear of litigation.

FEES

\$375/hour

SERVICE AREAS

Alameda, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, Napa, Sonoma, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Los Angeles counties. No charge for travel within service areas.

OFFICE LOCATION

Oakland