

MEDIATOR PROFILE – Jean-Paul Menard, Esq.

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (J.D. 1984); California University of California, Northridge (B.A. 1981, *magna cum laude*); Extensive mediation education and training from Pepperdine University's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, the United States District Court Central District of California, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Southern California Mediation Association, USC Gould School of Law, and the California Association of Realtors.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jean-Paul Menard is an attorney and mediator. Mr. Menard has over 35 years of legal experience, including twelve years as a partner in a national law firm, litigating a wide variety of cases involving real estate purchase transactions, landlord-tenant disputes, quiet title and real estate partition actions, homeowner association issues, breach of contract claims, and other business-related disputes. Mr. Menard's legal practice has included negotiating and documenting business and commercial agreements. In addition to having his own mediation firm, Mr. Menard is currently a partner with the law firm of Brown White & Osborn LLP, in Los Angeles.

Mr. Menard began his mediation practice in 2008. Since then, he has mediated over 300 cases involving residential and commercial real estate transactions, general business, commercial, and employment related matters. Mr. Menard has been a C.A.R. mediation panelist since 2014. He is also a Panel Mediator for the American Arbitration Association, and the United States District Court, Central District of California. Mr. Menard was a mediation panelist for the Los Angeles County Superior Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution program for many years before the program was terminated. Mr. Menard is certified by the Los Angeles County Bar Association to conduct mediations.

AFFILIATIONS

California State Bar # 116007
Southern California Mediation Association
Los Angeles County Bar Association

STATEMENT

I'm a firm believer that mediation is the most cost-effective and efficient method to resolve disputes. When mediating cases, I'm persistent, creative and proactive, and I work hard to develop a rapport with the parties. Given my extensive litigation background and knowledge of real estate law, I'm able to quickly identify the relevant factual and legal issues in each case. I explore the particular needs and desires of the parties. I evaluate and facilitate. I problem solve with the parties and offer practical, sound solutions.

FEES:

\$375/hour

SERVICE AREAS

Los Angeles and Orange Counties

OFFICE LOCATION

Downtown Los Angeles (Mr. Menard will travel to the parties' location outside the Downtown LA area if desired for a \$250 flat travel fee.)