

MEDIATOR PROFILE – Tom Kielty

EDUCATION

B.A in Economics from UCLA, College of Letters and Science - 1984

Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from UCLA School of Law - 1990

Mediation Certificate: Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution - Mediating the Litigated Case - 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In his 35 years of practicing law, Tom has tried almost 100 jury trials in both State and Federal Courts. Tom has significant appellate litigation experience as well, including direct appeals and writ practice in both State and Federal Courts. Tom has been a real estate broker in California since 2017 and his law practice includes extensive experience representing parties to real estate transactions, including RPA related disputes, as well as lease disputes involving brokers, and landlord/tenant disputes. Tom has also conducted dozens of real estate related mediations, with a high percentage of those mediations resulting in settlement of the dispute.

AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of California - Bar number 164186

California Real Estate Broker - DRE License ID number 02015737

STATEMENT

Tom has vast experience in jury trial practice, and significant experience in appellate litigation, both of which are a crucial aspect of his mediation practice. One of the most persuasive arguments supporting settlement over litigation is the extreme uncertainty inherent in litigation generally, but especially in going to trial. Uncertainty is also a significant factor in evaluating appellate litigation outcomes. Many attorneys, even experienced mediators, have modest jury trial experience or none at all. Tom's vast jury trial experience qualifies him to speak authentically and with authority about the true (and frequently underappreciated) risks of going to trial. Sometimes, parties and their counsel overestimate the strength of their case because of a lack of jury trial experience. Parties and counsel also frequently underestimate the cost of going to trial.

FEES

\$350 an hour

SERVICE AREAS

All of California by Zoom - Southern California in person - No travel fee

OFFICE LOCATION

Torrance, CA 90504

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.