

MEDIATOR PROFILE – Gideon Kracov, Esq.

EDUCATION

Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley, J.D. and Environmental Law Certificate, 1995

University of California, Berkeley, B.A. with high honors, 1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

With a diverse background representing plaintiffs, defendants, and governmental entities, Gideon Kracov, Esq. is uniquely positioned to mediate real estate disputes.

He serves on the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) Mediation Panel and is very familiar with all types of real estate matters including sale, lease, nondisclosure, title and boundary matters, broker commissions and C.A.R. form disputes. He also serves on the mediation panel for the Community Association Institute that specializes in homeowners' association disputes.

His experience includes serving as a Deputy Los Angeles City Attorney in the Real Property Division, where he counseled the Departments of Planning and Sanitation on real estate and public works projects and successfully defended the City in high-stakes trials. Mr. Kracov is a Thomson Reuters California Super Lawyer, limited to the top 5 percent of lawyers.

Mr. Kracov serves on the adjunct faculty at Loyola Law School where he teaches land use law to future legal professionals. Mr. Kracov proudly coached the Loyola Law School team to first place in the 20th Annual California Lawyers Association Environmental Law Student Negotiation Competition.

He served as the Governor's appointee to the California Air Resources Board, the state's lead air pollution and climate change regulatory agency. Previously, he chaired the Department of Toxic Substances Independent Review Panel, overseeing the agency responsible for the cleanup of contaminated properties throughout California. He is the former Chair of the California Lawyers' Association Environmental Law Section Executive Committee where he led educational and program activities for over 2,500 section members. He currently serves as Chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Kracov serves on mediation panels for the U.S.E.P.A., U.S. District Court Central District of California, California Department of Civil Rights, Los Angeles Superior Court, Community Association Institute/Greater Los Angeles Chapter, California Association of REALTORS® and Center on Conflict Resolution.

He has trained in dispute facilitation and mediation at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, Udall National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution, International Association for Public Participation, and MIT Renewable Energy Clinic.

STATEMENT

Using mediation and facilitation skills, Mr. Kracov can break through impasse and settle disputes before litigation, and after lawsuits are filed. The Lawyers' Daily Journal describes him as a "highly collaborative" and "pragmatic" mediator with a "committed approach to preparation." He has "credibility with all parties, perhaps the highest currency." Mr. Kracov offers both in-person and virtual mediation as an alternative to protracted litigation, working diligently – from pre-mediation calls in every case to post-mediation follow-up – towards resolving the dispute.

FEES:

\$595 per hour.

SERVICE AREAS

All of California.

OFFICE LOCATION:

Mr. Kracov is affiliated with ADR Services, Inc. that offers nine office locations throughout California.

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