# **MEDIATOR PROFILE - Joël Bertet**

## **EDUCATION**

UCLA B.A. Political Science, International Relations 1994
Southwestern University School of Law JD 1995
Pepperdine School of Law Advanced Mediation Certification 2024
Licensed General Contractor California
Licensed Real Estate Broker California

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Los Angeles District Attorney's Office

Law Offices of Joel Bertet

Morgan De Toi USA: President of a Fashion Retail Firm Bertet Investment Group: Real Estate Development Firm

In House and General Counsel for Several Real Estate and Construction Development Firms

Founder of Maison Bertet: Design and Construction Firm Bertet Builders: Founder and Shareholder of Construction Firm

#### **AFFILIATIONS**

American Arbitration Association Construction Panelist American Bar Association California Lawyers Association Beverly Hills Bar Association

Joel's first work out of law school was at the Los Angeles District Attorney's office. His early claim to fame was initial involvement in the O.J. Simpson case before it was moved to downtown Los Angeles by then District Attorney Gil Garcetti. While looking for a better post at the District Attorney's office, Joel was presented with a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring one of the most well-known French Fashion brands to the United States and he jumped on the opportunity.

Morgan de toi is a woman's French fashion house with over 650 shops worldwide Joel brought the brand to the United States and developed it into a 10-million-dollar company with 15 full concept retail shops and wholesale and manufacturing with close to 250 employees. Morgan de toi USA had offices in Paris, Geneva, New York, Texas, Hawaii and its headquarters in Los Angeles. The brand was sold to a large international luxury conglomerate and Morgan de toi USA was wrapped up in that buyout. Joel led the design, construction and leasing for all locations.

Joel then shifted gears and joined Coldwell Banker Beverly Hills as a broker and worked with top real estate professionals representing buyers and sellers of high end residential real estate. He became licensed as a General Contractor and developed and sold several large

properties in the Los Angeles area. He then drew on his legal background to help him purchase and develop 32 complex foreclosure properties in California.

Joel next created Maison Bertet with his designer wife Sophie, who specializes in manufacturing and importing construction finish materials for large scale real estate developers and hotel operators. Maison Bertet has offices in Guangzhou China and is headquartered in Los Angeles. Sophie continues to operate Maison Bertet.

Throughout the last 30 years, Joel became known to his clients as the construction business and law expert. His experience has ranged from assisting in the development of a \$30 million-dollar high end resident project to the redevelopment of a 600-unit low-income apartment project.

He is a fierce track cycling sprinter winning the USA National Track Championships in 2012 and 2023. He is 6-time California State Track Champion and ranked 6th at the World Championship.

FEES: \$695 per hour

# **SERVICE AREAS**

California

## **OFFICE LOCATION**

Los Angeles

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