MEDIATOR PROFILE – Richard E. Lutringer

EDUCATION

B.A. College of William & Mary
J.D. Cornell University
M.C.L. University of Chicago
Mediation training at various institutions, including Quinnipiac University, ACR, AAA, CPR, ICC, CEDR, Harvard Law School and C.A.R.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to commencing his career as a professional mediator, Mr. Lutringer was a partner in the New York office of an international law firm handling M&A and general business, commercial and real estate matters throughout the United States and abroad. As a member of federal and state court mediation rosters, as well as mediation panels of the American Arbitration Association, CPR, NADN, IMI, and through private referrals, Mr. Lutringer has resolved business and real estate disputes in California, New York and New Jersey. His experience includes disputes involving such issues as the allocation of responsibility for repairs, breach of express warranty, scope of easements, return of deposit, remedial work, environmental damage responsibility, entitlement to broker's fee, satisfaction of closing conditions for release of escrow, developer/landowner disputes, lease agreements and, in general, the interpretation of relevant real estate transfer, financing and related documents. He has been certified by the Family Firm Institute as a Family Business Advisor.

From 2015 to 2017 Mr. Lutringer deepened his knowledge of land use regulatory and CEQA matters while serving as a member of a Municipal Advisory Council for the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, He has authored articles and presented workshops to professional organizations on aspects of mediation (e.g., the American Bar Association, the Association for Conflict Resolution, the Desert Bar Association, the Southern California Mediation Association, and to panels of court-appointed mediators in Riverside County. In 2018, he was appointed to the mediation panel of the California Department of Insurance for wildfire and earthquake coverage disputes.

AFFILIATIONS

MC3 Certified
California, Superior Court, Riverside County (mediation panel)
California Real Estate Agent, # 02088503
Southern California Mediation Association
American Arbitration Association (mediation panel)
CPR (mediation panel)
California Association of REALTORS®
National Association of Distinguished Neutrals
CEDR -London (mediation panel)
Association for Conflict Resolution
International Mediation Institute
Mediators Beyond Borders (Founding Member)
California Desert Coalition (Member of Board of Directors)
California Department of Insurance (mediation panel)

STATEMENT

The goal of a consumer-related real estate mediation is to achieve a mutually agreed settlement as expeditiously as possible. As a mediator, Mr. Lutringer listens carefully to each side in joint session and private caucus and reviews any relevant documents in order to understand the position of each party and help the parties understand each other. His philosophy is to encourage disputing parties to use their best commercial sense to see the possible weaknesses of their own position and the strengths of the other side's position and from that basis, try to find agreement, keeping in mind, the inherent risks of litigation or arbitration as well as the potential significant monetary and other costs of not reaching settlement. In rare instances and at the request of both parties engaged in mediation who, despite diligent efforts, have been unable to overcome an impasse, Mr. Lutringer will make a mediator's proposal to bridge the divide.

FEES:
$300/hour

SERVICE AREAS
Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange Counties. Will travel to Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern and Imperial Counties for $100 travel time. Coverage throughout California by Zoom without additional charge.

OFFICE LOCATION
Palm Springs and Palm Desert

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.