

MEDIATOR PROFILE – ROBERT B. JACOBS, ESQ.

EDUCATION

Undergraduate: Bachelor of Arts, English, Brigham Young University (1984) *cum laude*
Law Degree: J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (1987)
Mediation: Mediation Skills Training, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois
(2016) (40 hours)
Mediating Disputes under the C.A.R. Residential Purchase Agreement (2015)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robert B. Jacobs has been litigating and resolving disputes for 29 years. When resolution is possible without litigation, he settles cases without court intervention. He has represented plaintiffs and defendants in trials, mediations and arbitration proceedings throughout his career. He has served as primary attorney for dozens of courtroom trials, two jury trials and several binding arbitrations. His clients have included homeowners, brokers, agents, sellers, buyers, developers, lenders, borrowers, creditors, debtors, landlords, tenants and many businesses. He has lectured on real estate, business and construction topics for the California Land Surveyors Association, the American Institute of Architects, the Eastern Alameda County Bar Association, the Real Estate Section of the Contra Costa County Bar Association, the Alameda County Builders Exchange, community organizations including Lions Club and Rotary, and several real estate organizations. He has written newspaper articles on real estate for the Bay Area News Group since 2008 and has been interviewed on NPR (National Public Radio).

AFFILIATIONS

California State Bar #131160
Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of California, and all California state courts.
Superior Court Judge *pro tem*, Contra Costa County Superior Court (1994-1997)
Court Mediator, Alameda County Superior Court (2016)
Martindale-Hubbell Rated AV Preeminent (2002-present)
Designated a California Superlawyer (2014-present)
Vice-President, Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council (2016-2017)
Director, Eastern Alameda County Bar Association (1996)
Member, Alameda and Contra Costa County Bar Associations

STATEMENT

Mediation is a key opportunity for parties to determine whether their case can be settled without spending lots of money on attorney's fees and costs.

In exploring settlement options, I work diligently with the parties and their counsel in finding ways to get cases settled.

A mediator's skill can make the difference on whether or not a case settles at mediation. Three key mediator skills are tenacity, persuasiveness and the ability to quickly grasp important legal arguments. I regularly use these skills in bringing difficult cases to resolution.

FEES

\$385 per hour. No charge for cancellations with at least 24 hours advance notice.

SERVICE AREAS

No fee for travel within Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Stanislaus or San Joaquin counties.

OFFICE LOCATION

Livermore, California