

MEDIATOR PROFILE – STEPHEN C. LEPLEY, ESQ.

EDUCATION

Undergraduate School: B.S., Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

Law School: J.D., Marquette University School of Law, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Law School: LL.M., Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Lepley founded California Dispute Resolution Professionals LLC in 2014, a professional mediation and arbitration services firm located in Hermosa Beach, California, that specializes in the mediation of litigated disputes. Lepley holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in Dispute Resolution, with a Concentration in Mediation, from Pepperdine University School of Law, the nation's top-ranked advanced-degree program in dispute resolution. His focus as an attorney in civil case trial practice for more than thirty years included appointments as a County Corporation Counsel and State Attorney General Office Chief Counsel, and years of private practice in AV-rated law firms representing individuals and businesses. Lepley has served as lead counsel in highly complex multi-week trials involving subject matter exceeding \$100M in valuation, and has argued dozens of cases before the Courts of Appeals and Supreme Courts of several states. He has been licensed as a Real Estate Broker, has mediated cases for the Los Angeles Superior Courts, mediated property disputes for the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (recently renamed the California Civil Rights Department), has worked for a large residential real estate brokerage company, and served as the Board President of a 1000-home master-planned community homeowners association.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Arizona (Alternative Dispute Resolution, Trial Practice Sections)

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Mediate.org

The Association for Conflict Resolution

STATEMENT

Mediation assisted by an experienced and trained dispute resolution professional is an intelligent, cost-effective, expeditious, and self-determined alternative to the significant expense, time, and unpredictability of litigation. Decades of trial experience, much of it relating to complex financial matters and real property issues, coupled with a detailed knowledge of the standard form purchase agreement, equips a mediator to recognize and understand particular disputes that arise in a residential purchase. Years of study of dispute resolution at a top national program, together with hundreds of mediation and arbitration matters handled, provides a mediator with the negotiation skills needed to bring parties to a successful result. Sincere interest in the perspectives and needs of each party to a mediation is key in finding the common ground from which a settlement may be reached. Stephen Lepley brings this training, experience and perspective to all mediations in which he serves as third-party neutral, leading to a high rate of mediation success.

FEES

\$345/hour. 4-hour minimum.

SERVICE AREAS

California. All mediations currently are being conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing.

OFFICE LOCATION

Hermosa Beach.

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.