

## **MEDIATOR PROFILE –GARY WEINER, ESQ.**

### **EDUCATION**

Undergraduate Degree: BA, Psychology, Cornell University, 1971

Law: Licensed to practice in 1983 after reading the law as an apprentice in law offices of Chris P. Andrian, Santa Rosa, California.

Mediation: Nancy Yeend (40 hours), Transformative Mediation US Postal Service, Steve Rosenberg (40 hours) Lincoln Land Use Mediation (40 Hours) Numerous workshops and conferences as member of American Bar Assn. Section on Dispute Resolution, Mediating Disputes under the C.A.R. Residential Purchase Agreement (3 hours), Accredited Mediator New South Wales, Australia

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Gary Weiner is an internationally recognized mediator and leader in mediation scholarship. He was the Chair of the ABA Mediation Research Task Force and has lectured throughout California and in Australia on the state of empirical data regarding mediator behavior. His seminal paper, A Call for Evidence Based Standards of Mediation Quality, has been read by scholars and practitioners all over the world. Gary Weiner has taught mediation to attorneys, other professionals and consulted with the High Courts of Mumbai and New Delhi, training new mediators there. He has presented programs on mediation, mediation advocacy and mediation research for large firms and bar associations all over the country and in India and Australia.

He served for 4 ½ years as Director of the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Sonoma County Superior Court and as Mediation Program Administrator of the Mediation Program at the California Court of Appeal in San Francisco.

Gary Weiner has had a general trial and litigation practice from 1983 through the present except for the periods during which he was employed by the Court, representing both plaintiffs and defendants.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Former Adjunct Professor of Law, UC Hastings Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

Adjunct Professor Sonoma State University Extended Education Mediation Certificate Program

California State Bar # 112174

Admitted to practice in California

Member Panel of Mediators: CA State Courts

Former chair Sonoma County Bar ADR Section, Member State Bar ADR Committee and Board of Directors California Dispute Resolution Council and the Mediation Society.

## STATEMENT

I have devoted the majority of my professional time to the practice, teaching, promotion and study of mediation since the late 1980s when I realized that the adversarial system for resolving civil disputes frequently caused more harm than good. I came to this conclusion because my clients were everyday people caught up in problems that they could not solve alone. They were baffled, frustrated and anguished by their experience as litigants and I knew there had to be a better way. Mediation is the best method I've seen yet to help people understand the nature of the problems that they share and to reach resolution through the often difficult work of coming to terms with the reality of conflict and the need to acknowledge that there's a solution available that can work better for everyone than almost anything the court can impose.

## FEES

\$475/hour

Deposit required: \$4,500.00

## SERVICE AREAS

Principal offices: Sebastopol, Sonoma County.

Mediation service area without travel charge:

- Alameda,
- Napa,
- San Francisco
- Contra Costa County

Mediation in Los Angeles: no charge for travel time or lodging. Travel expenses charged at cost airfare Santa Rosa to LAX.

All other areas in California no travel time charge at flat fee of \$ 2,770.00 (full 8 hour day mediation) two night's lodging at location passed through at cost.

Online mediation services also available.

## OFFICE LOCATION

Offices available in all service areas on an as needed basis. Rental expense of offices passed through to parties at cost in all areas other than service area counties.

**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.**