



The Mediation Offices of
Lee Jay Berman
 Mediation CV, LJB

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Mr. Berman's exceptional qualifications and extensive experience in mediation have enabled him to maintain annual resolution rates above 94%. His deep understanding of the mediation process, risk analysis, legal rights and remedies, court systems, negotiation theory, human behavior, motivation, difficult personalities, and the neuroscience of conflict—combined with his experience in and outside the courts, in law schools and mediation rooms, and training judges and mediators worldwide—makes him a preferred choice for resolving the most complex legal matters and highly emotional, intractable disputes. Mr. Berman organizes parties and issues into a logical, digestible framework and, as a quick study, rapidly identifies the sources of conflict and the order in which they should be addressed. He is frequently engaged to manage complex disputes involving multiple parties, layered insurance coverage, cross-complaints among parties, and intricate business and financial issues. He is also highly effective in emotionally charged matters where one or more parties require additional attention, or where the information involved is highly confidential, complex, or sensitive.

WORK HISTORY

The Mediation Offices of Lee Jay Berman – Commercial Mediator; 1994 to Present
 American Institute of Mediation – Founder, President and Lead Trainer; 2008 to Present
 Business Mediation and Collaboration (BMC) – West Coast Director; Present
 PMA Dispute Resolution – Mediator, Arbitrator & Umpire; 2011-2014
 Director, Pepperdine Law School's "Mediating the Litigated Case" program 2002-2009
 Santa Barbara Superior Court, Director, Court Administered Dispute Resolution (CADRe) Program, 1999-00
 Ryland Homes, Vice President, Land and Development, Los Angeles Division
 Pardee Construction Company, Director Land Acquisition & Pardee Environmental Group

ADR CREDENTIALS

Successfully mediated over 3,000 cases in over 31 years as a full-time mediator
 Chambers USA – Band 1 for 2023-Present (Top 16 Mediators in the U.S.), Band 2 from 2018-2022
 Lexology (formally Who's Who Legal) – Global Thought Leader and Top Commercial Mediators, 2013-present
 Lexology (formally Who's Who Legal) in ADR- ADR Times – 2022 to present
 Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel – 2024 Counsel of the Year for Excellence in ADR
 National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals – 2017 Distinguished Neutral of the Year
 Statewide California Mediation Association – 2026 Award for Excellence in Civil & Employment Mediation
 Statewide California Mediation Association – 2021 Cloke-Millen Peacemaker of the Year Award
 Statewide California Mediation Association – 2010 L. Randolph Lowry Award
 Acquisition Intl. Magazine Mediator of the Year, California (2012-2020), USA (2018-2023)
 California Daily Journal – "Top Neutral" 2008 and 2009
 Mediator of the Year, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, California Central District 2007
 Director, Pepperdine Law School's #1 Ranked "Mediating the Litigated Case" program 2002-2009
 Certified Mediator with the International Mediation Institute, The Netherlands 2009-Present
 Administered several hundred mediations as ADR Director of the Santa Barbara Superior Court
 Chaired statewide committee that published CDRC Standards of Practice for California Mediators in 1998\



ADR PANELS

American Arbitration Association – “Master Mediator” for Employment Mediation; National Registry of Mediators & Arbitrators – Business/Commercial, Construction, Entertainment, and Insurance panels
American Health Lawyers Association
BMC Associates - Business Mediation & Consulting, West Coast Director
California Second District Court of Appeal
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA, formerly National Association of Securities Dealers)
Hospital Association of Southern California
International Mediation Institute, The Netherlands
MC3 Certified Mediators
Police–Civilian facilitator with the Los Angeles Police Department and citizens of Los Angeles
Resolute Systems
Superior Courts of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Kern, and Sonoma Counties
United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California

LEGAL & ADR ORGANIZATIONS

Distinguished Fellow, International Academy of Mediators, 2003-present
Charter Diplomat, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, 2010-present
Charter Diplomat, California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, 2007-present
State Bar of California, Standing Committee on ADR, 2006-2009; Ethics Subcomm., 1998-2000
Chair, International ADR Subcommittee; Legislation Committee, Ethics and Standards Committee
ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, National Chair, Training Committee, 2003-2007
California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC), 1995-present; Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Mediation Legislation Committee, Chair, CDRC Qualifications and Standards Committee, 1997-2003
Member, California Judicial Council drafting committee Rules of Court for mediators
Mediators Beyond Borders, Charter Mediator Member, 2009-present
Southern California Mediation Association, 1994-2018, 2021-present, Chair Courts Committee, 2005
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Litigation, Real Property, Employment and ADR Sections, 1994-present
Beverly Hills Bar Association, Litigation, Real Property and ADR Sections, 2000-present
MC3 Mediator Certification, 2024

CASE EXPERIENCE BY PRACTICE AREA

In over 30 years as a neutral, and 3,000 cases, Mr. Berman has successfully resolved a wide variety of cases:

Business and Commercial: Several hundred cases involving claims for breach of contract, business and corporate matters, shareholder disputes and corporate dissolutions, trade secrets, unfair competition, bankruptcy, fraud, collections, and franchise and partnership disputes and dissolutions (including several law firms).

Real Property, Construction and Land Use: Several hundred cases involving construction claims, defects, delay and closeouts, design defects, land use, CEQA, environmental clean-up, natural resource protection, earth movement, disclosure, homeowner associations, lending, exchanges, brokerage and other fiduciaries.

Employment: Several hundred cases involving claims for discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, constructive termination, retaliation, whistle-blowers, and wage and hour claims, in both public/government and private sectors, and both individual plaintiffs and class actions.

Entertainment: Over 100 cases involving high-profile celebrities, intellectual property, new media, high-tech, involving film, television, music, gaming and custom software development.

Personal Injury and Legal and Medical Malpractice: Several hundred cases involving catastrophic injuries and death sustained in vehicle, trucking, railroad, slip and fall, construction sites, and claims for medical and dental malpractice, legal malpractice and other professional liability.

General Civil: Several hundred other cases, including insurance coverage, intellectual property, health care, elder abuse (physical and financial), and probate and trusts.

COMPLEX CASE EXPERIENCE

Successfully mediated over 3,000 civil mediations, before, during and after litigation, specializing in complex, multi-party litigation including business litigation, construction and construction defect, wage and hour, mass consumer claims, product liability, medical malpractice and wrongful death. Sample cases have included:

Single plaintiff v. multiple defendants: including construction defect and product liability claims with anywhere from 4 to 30 defendants, including complex insurance issues involving time on risk, coverage disputes, excess and surplus lines, reinsurance, AI endorsements, indemnity provisions, SIRs, deductibles, TPAs, and title insurance, and complex negotiation issues including comparative negotiation (“looking sideways”), global contingencies, White waivers, and more.

Multiple plaintiff v. single defendant, including mass claims, such as large groups of students suing private colleges for claims of fraudulent misrepresentation, fraud in the inducement; wage and hour claims; and auto roll-over cases with multiple deaths and/or extended hospital stays and limited insurance; and classes not certified, including all kinds of similarly situated plaintiffs.

Complex Multi-party all suing/complaining against each other, including claims for injunctive relief, specific performance, fraud, RICO and more, involving such issues as environmental clean-up, real estate transactions with buyer-seller-escrow-Realtors-title disputes, complex commercial disputes, transactions, insurance disputes, and construction disputes that involve indemnity provisions.

Simple Multi-party including groups with diverse interests and perspectives, that would end up in complex litigation, such as members of a rock-and-roll band, shareholders, and partners, where everyone would be suing or arbitrating against everyone, and when confidentiality is paramount, including work teams and trade secrets.

MEDIATION, NEGOTIATION & ADR TRAINING EXPERIENCE

In addition to his career as a mediator, Mr. Berman is highly sought after as a speaker and trainer, including:

Pepperdine Law School’s Director, *Mediating the Litigated Case* program, 2002-2009

ABA Dispute Resolution Section, National Chair, Training Committee, 2003-2007

American Institute of Mediation, founder, President, Core Faculty, 2008-present

Harvard Negotiation Insight Initiative at Harvard Law School, Advisory Board

California State University Northridge, Tseng College mediation program, Advisory Board

International Development training and consulting in conjunction with the U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems:

- Advanced Trainer, Croatia Mediation Project
- Mediation Trainer, Delhi High Court, India
- Commercial Mediation Trainer, Uzbekistan Ministry of Justice’s Legal Training Center

American Arbitration Association, Court Mediation Skills Trainer

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Advanced Mediation Skills Trainer

Institute for Mediation Studies, Founder, Director and Trainer, 1994-2008

Institute of Conflict Management, Lead Mediation Trainer

California Contractor’s State Licensing Board – Trainer

California Continuing Education of the Bar, seminar leader on ADR Ethics & Advocacy

Adjunct Professor, guest lecturer, or trainer for several universities and law schools, including in part:

- Pepperdine School of Law, Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution – Malibu, CA
- University of Texas, Austin, Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution – Austin, TX
- Southern Methodist University, Graduate Program in Conflict Management – Plano, TX
- Southwestern Law School – Los Angeles, CA
- Sam Houston State University – Huntsville, TX
- Lipscomb University, Institute for Conflict Management – Nashville, TN
- Bond University – Brisbane, Australia

MEDIATION, NEGOTIATION & ADR TRAINING EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

Trainer in mediation, conflict resolution and negotiation skills for clients such as:

- Nationwide Insurance, Nationally across the US
- Zenith Insurance, Woodland Hills, CA
- Farmers Insurance, Orange, CA
- United Heartland Insurance, Milwaukee, WI
- LexisNexis, Columbus, OH
- Children's Hospital, Dallas, TX
- Beck Group Construction, Tampa, FL
- Manhattan Construction, Dallas, TX
- TEXO, The Construction Organization, Dallas, TX
- Accountants, Inc., Los Angeles, CA
- Teacher Retirement System of Texas, Austin, TX
- The Superior Courts of Los Angeles, San Diego, Sonoma, Santa Barbara and Kern Counties
- Nevada Supreme Court, Settlement Officers Advanced Training, Las Vegas/Reno, NV
- University Student Legal Services Association, West Region, Austin, TX
- 19 other State Bar Associations or Statewide Mediation/ADR Associations

Trainer, speaker and workshop leader at dozens of state and national conferences on ADR, mediation, conflict resolution and negotiation skills, and for dozens of law firms in southern California.

PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

Books:

The Mediator's Starter Kit, published independently, being released by the American Bar Association in 2023
Becoming a Master Mediator, being released by the American Bar Association shortly
Edited chapters of *A Litigator's Guide to Effective Use of ADR in California*, published by the California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)

Television:

KTLA 5 Morning News, Los Angeles, Conflict Expert Commentator

Radio:

Co-Hosted a weekly radio talk show called "*Talk It Over*", www.TalkItOverRadio.com for 2 ½ years
Regular appearances as mediator on "PAPA", a cable television talk show for divorced fathers
Various podcasts, speaking on conflict resolution, leadership, and negotiation.

Print and Online Media:

Published articles published on ADR and negotiation in the following publications:

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| •California Lawyer | •Los Angeles Lawyer |
| •Los Angeles Business Journal | •Santa Monica Business Journal |
| •Professional Insurance Association | •CaliforniaNeutrals.com |
| •Mediate.com | •Brilliant Results Magazine |
| •IAMed.org (Intl. Academy Mediators) | •So. California Mediation Assn. News |
| •Santa Barbara Lawyer, ADR Editor | •Many other websites around the world |

FEE SCHEDULE & CLIENT LIST

For a complete description of fees, including Mr. Berman's "All-Inclusive" full and half-day formats, please see the attached fee schedule. References and Client List available upon request.

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