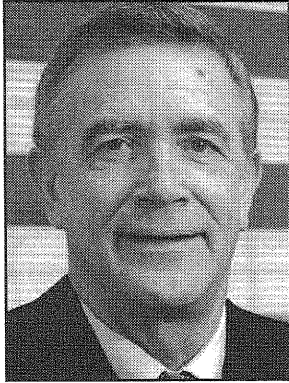


# TOP NEUTRALS 2008



## Russell Bostrom

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**Affiliation:** Judicate West

**Rate:** \$600 an hour

**Location:** Los Angeles

**Specialty:** Mediation. Complex commercial and class action/mass tort

**Cases:** In one case, Bostrom was able to settle a breach-of-contract dispute between a satellite company and retail chain after each side

discovered their employees weren't being forthright. The companies dropped their cross complaints and went back to doing business together. Another breach-of-contract case — which has been mediated for four years and is still ongoing — involves 52 gas station owners who are suing a major oil company, alleging price and locality discrimination. Bostrom has managed to settle almost all of the claims to date. In another case, Bostrom's experience as a pilot and owner of a small plane came in handy when he was asked to mediate a dispute arising from the case of a pilot who flew a private plane into the wake turbulence of a commercial airliner. The pilot sustained minor injuries and his passenger was seriously injured. The matter settled shortly after the mediation for \$950,000, the same amount Bostrom had urged the parties to accept.

**Background:** Orange County Superior Court judge, civil litigator, Orange County deputy public defender, Anaheim deputy city attorney