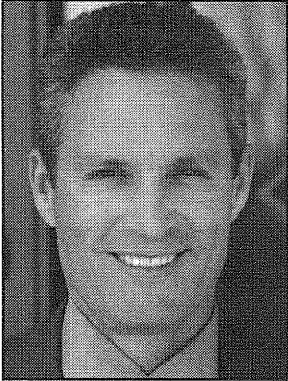


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Robert J. Kaplan

Affiliation: Judicate West

Rate: \$5,600 to \$8,500 a day, depending on location

Location: San Diego, Los Angeles

Specialty: Mediation. Complex cases, including business, employment, professional liability, insurance, serious injury/wrongful death, and products liability

Cases: Kaplan's mediations over the past year have ranged from a relatively small sexual harassment case with no insurance to a multimillion-dollar insurance liability dispute. One case, involving insurance bad faith and broker malpractice, settled after a full day's session with parties who flew into San Diego from Maine, Georgia, Alabama, Alaska, New York and San Francisco. Kaplan also settled a serious burn injury case with multiple insurance carriers, several cases involving patent disputes and 10 products liability cases that included three wrongful death actions, which settled after 13 full days of mediation spread over several months.

Background: San Diego-based plaintiffs' lawyer, focusing on insurance bad faith