

Representative Cases Meditated by Justice Michael Nott (Ret.)

Class Actions

1. Wage and hour class action involving a major retail chain. The significant issues were liability, the amount due, and the distribution rate to the various classes of employees. The settlement was for over \$3,250,000.

2. A large number of claimants brought actions against a pharmaceutical company, charging that the medication caused side effects. The particular settlement here was with approximately 100 claimants, some of whom had complaints that ranged from minor to severe. A settlement for in excess of \$1,200,000 was reached, and distributed to the claimant based on the severity of each claim.

Partnership/Corporate Dissolution

1. As part of a partnership dissolution action, the plaintiff charged the company accountant with malpractice. The claim against the accountant was settled in mediation for \$450,000.

2. Complex factual situation involving personal and SBA loans, commercial real estate holdings, and significant personality. The case was settled for \$250,000 plus other non-monetary considerations.

Real Estate Disputes

1. The issues involved the validity of a lessee's option to purchase two contiguous parcels of property (one commercial, one residential) and the option price. The case was settled for over \$775,000.

2. The next case was almost a carbon copy of the one above, except it was solely for an option on residential property. The major issue was whether the plaintiff timely exercised the property. The case was settled for \$550,000.