



## Maureen A. Summers, Esq.



*Results Beyond Dispute<sup>SM</sup>*

Since Maureen Summers became "Of Counsel" to the firm she founded, Summers & Shives, APC, in 1995, she focused on her mediation career. She had mediated over 6,000 disputes involving a variety of subject matters, but primarily focused on personal injury, including serious injuries, brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and wrongful death matters. She has extensive experience with the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, and Unfair Business Practice under Business & Professions Code section 17200 as well as employment, construction, and insurance matters. Prior to withdrawing from the program in 2001, Ms. Summers was one of the most requested mediators on the court's pilot program. One attorney commented, "Maureen was so impressive as a mediator and knowledgeable on product defect and warranty issues that I continued utilizing her in that capacity despite being opposing counsel in an ongoing matter." One plaintiff attorney noted, "She is one of the best mediators in town, especially for personal injury cases." Many other plaintiff and defense attorneys have concurred. Ms. Summers' abilities as a mediator were acknowledged by the San Diego legal community when they selected her as one of three "Top Lawyers" in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Field in San Diego Magazine (2007-2018) and as one of Daily Journal's Top Neutrals (2008-2009).

### MEDIATION

This neutral is available only for cases involving Mediation

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Full-Time Mediator (2011-2019; 2021-Present)
- Of Counsel, Summers & Shives, APC; Focused on mediation services, personal injury defense and consumer warranty matters (1995-2011)
- Judge Pro Tem, San Diego Small Claims Court (1997-2002)
- Arbitrator, California State Bar, Attorney/Client Fee Disputes (1992-2002)
- Mediator, San Diego Superior Court - Court Mediation Program (1997-1999)
- Principal, Summers & Shives, APC, General Civil Litigation (1991-1995)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of California, Davis School of Law (1984)
- B.A., San Diego State University (1979)
- ABA TIPS sections Committee on ADR, Former Member
- San Diego Chapter of ACR (formerly SPIDR), Former Member; Past President; Board of Directors
- Southern California Mediation Association, Former Member
- California Dispute Resolution Counsel, Former Member

### PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Construction, Tort

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- California Super Lawyers in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (2012-2018)
- Best Lawyers in America in the Practice Area of Mediation (2014-2018)
- "Top Lawyers" - Alternative Dispute Resolution Field, San Diego Magazine (2007-2018)
- Best Lawyers San Diego Mediation "Lawyer of the Year" (2018)

### INTERESTS

In her spare time, Maureen enjoys reading biographies, traveling, hiking, and water coloring historic landscapes. She belongs to numerous community groups in San Diego and sits on the Board of Directors for the Point Loma Association. This organization raises funds to complete art projects in the Point Loma area, designs and installs landscape projects, and provides funding for various community projects.

### LOCATIONS

San Diego

