



Robert N. Dobbins, LLM, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

An experienced full-time Neutral since 2002, Rob brings an enhanced depth of skills to a variety of mediated and arbitrated matters. Expanding his focus to cases involving medical issues, Rob has been developing his proficiency with medical negligence and elder abuse cases under the mentorship of Master Mediator/Arbitrator Jay Cordell Horton, co-mediating more than 60 of these cases together. Beyond medical negligence and elder abuse, Rob has handled a wide range of major injury cases, and a full spectrum of complex business/commercial, real estate, employment, and financial institution matters. Combining his knowledge of the field and his meditation skills, Rob receives the highest praise for his persistence and patience. One attorney commented, "Rob Dobbins is one of the most talented neutrals I know. He is personable, knowledgeable, committed, and really connects with the parties." In addition to his work in Southern California, he has close ties to the San Francisco Bay Area as he is Adjunct Professor at UC Berkeley, Berkeley Law ("Boalt Hall"), and an Adjunct at UC Hastings' Center for Negotiation & Dispute Resolution since 2005, teaching negotiation, mediation, and other courses in the ADR curriculum. Rob also conducts continuing education classes on negotiation, mediation, and ethics for lawyers, judges, and organizations throughout the country.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2007-Present)
- Mediator/Arbitrator (2002-Present)
- Adjunct Faculty, University of California, Berkeley Law School (Boalt Hall) (2014-Present)
- Adjunct Professor, Center for Negotiation & Dispute Resolution, Univ. of California, Hastings Law School (2005-Present)
- Adjunct Professor, Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University Law School (2002-Present)
- Adjunct Professor, Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Undergraduate Dispute Resolution Certificate Program (2003-Present)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- LL.M. Dispute Resolution, Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School (2003)
- Master of Dispute Resolution, Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School (2001)
- J.D. Southwestern University School of Law (SCALE Program) (1978)
- B.S., Boston University, School of Communication (1975)
- Program Faculty & Moderator, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law, "Mediating the Litigated Case"
- Panel Moderator, Hispanic Bar Association "Cuba-America Legal Exchange, Havana, Cuba": "Preparing Your Case for Settlement in Mediation"

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Employment, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate, Tort

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Published numerous articles in his ADR career including "The Layered Dispute Resolution Clause: From Boilerplate to Business Opportunity" in the Hastings B. L. Journal; "UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Conciliation" in Pepperdine's ADR Journal; and "Mediation: Through the Eyes of the Mediator, featured on www.mediate.com in April of 2003.

INTERESTS

In his spare time, Rob enjoys baseball, running marathons, traveling, brewing fine craft ales and drinking fine wines, and the arts.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, Nationwide

