



## Robert J. Kaplan, Esq.



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

To Mediator Robert J. Kaplan, Esq. (Rob Kaplan)—the bottom line in mediation is closure. As a former litigator (with nearly 20 years in the litigation trenches) Mr. Kaplan believes the benefits of settlement always outweigh the financial, emotional, and other costs of going to trial. Mr. Kaplan became a full-time mediator in 2003. His meteoric rise to the Daily Journal's Top 40 Neutral list is due to the fact that he is a natural mediator who pours an enormous amount of energy into every case he mediates. Those who have mediated with Mr. Kaplan know he mediates for the love of it. Some mediators can be taught how to be good mediators. Others innately have the "it" factor. These natural mediators are very quick studies, able to traverse a wide variety of personalities, highly creative, exceedingly persistent, are natural problem solvers, and see and react to things steps ahead of everyone else. Some of these natural mediators ultimately become the premier mediators in their state and throughout the country. With thousands of mediations under his belt, Mr. Kaplan has earned that recognition - and, that is the very reason why he is consistently in such high demand on a wide array of high-stakes, emotional, and other significant cases.

### MEDIATION

This neutral is available only for cases involving Mediation

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Mediator, Judicate West (2003-Present)
- Law Offices of Robert J. Kaplan (1991-99)
- Partner, Law Firm of Churchill, Kaplan & Roberts (1985-91)
- Associate, Law Offices of Gordon S. Churchill (1983-85)
- Associate, Law Firm of Cotkin, Collins, Kolts & Franscell (1981-83)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of San Diego, School of Law (1981)
- Pepperdine Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, "6-Day Mediating the Litigated Case" (2003)
- Harvard Law school Negotiation Insight Initiative 4-Day "Beyond Yes" Course (2007)
- Inns of Court: William B. Enright Chapter; San Diego, CA, Master (2003-Present)
- California Western School of Law, Insurance Law, Adjunct Professor (1994-97)
- California Real Estate Broker's License (2003-Present)

### PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Construction, Employment, Govt./Public Agency, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate, Tort

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mr. Kaplan was named as one of Southern California's "Super Lawyers" each year from 2007 through 2017, in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

### INTERESTS

When he's not mediating, Mr. Kaplan enjoys "adventure travel" with his two young adult children and "cushy travel" with his wife.

### LOCATIONS

San Diego