



## Barbara J. Mandell, Esq.



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Barbara brings more than 40 years of legal experience representing insurance carriers, individuals and businesses to her mediation practice. She has litigated and mediated a wide range of civil matters including personal injury, real estate, insurance coverage and bad faith actions. She has participated in hundreds of mediations throughout her career, including as a successful litigator and as the founder and managing partner of her law firm, and the head of her own mediation firm, Mandell Mediation. She also served as a settlement officer in the Resolve Law L.A. Mandatory Settlement Conference Program for the Los Angeles County Superior Court since its inception in 2020 and previously volunteered for many years as a settlement officer in the court's CRASH Program. Drawing from her unparalleled experience and expertise in insurance coverage and liability disputes, when mediating, Barbara is able to examine a case from all angles. She takes pride in her analytical yet empathetic approach to the mediation process and has a unique ability to connect with people and understand the underlying issues that motivate parties to settle. A commitment to preparation, focus, and persistence inspires her practice, and she has built a reputation within the legal community as an intelligent, candid, and results-oriented mediator.

### LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2024-Present)
- Mediator, Mandell Mediation (2024)
- Of Counsel, Colman Perkins Law Group; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes (2023-2024)
- Managing Partner, Mandell, Damon & Associates; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability, and subrogation (2015-2022)
- Founder and Managing Partner, Mandell & Associates; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability and subrogation (2008-2015)
- Partner, Michelman & Robinson; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability, and subrogation matters (2006-2008)
- Associate Attorney, Partner, Gilbert Kelly Crowley and Jennett; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability, and subrogation matters (1982-1995, 1999-2006)
- Staff Counsel, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith (1995-1997)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Loyola Law School (1982)
- B.S.W., Adelphi University (1977)
- Mediating the Litigated Case, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine (2019)
- Los Angeles Superior Court Resolve Law, Settlement Officer (2020-2024)
- Los Angeles Superior Court CRASH, Settlement Officer (1990's)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member (1982-Present)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Member (1982- Present)

### PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial; Construction Defect; Employment; Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith, and Subrogation; Personal Injury; Real Estate including Landlord-Tenant

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

## LOCATIONS

and Subrogation; Personal Injury; Real Estate including Landlord/Tenant

- California Super Lawyers - Insurance Coverage (2019-2024)

Barbara enjoys spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter. She loves travelling, particularly in Europe, and enjoys watching all sports; especially the LAKERS!

Los Angeles, All of California