



## Daniel I. Spector, Esq.



Results Beyond Dispute<sup>SM</sup>

Dan has been a civil litigator for more than 29 years, of which he has focused his practice on trust, estate, and family disputes for nearly 25 years. He is well-known among his peers and colleagues as a smart, trustworthy, and fair negotiator, with excellent interpersonal skills. As a result, he has been requested to serve as a mediator, arbitrator, and referee in more than 100 matters in almost every type of dispute involving trust and estates, including claims for elder financial and physical abuse, undue influence, lack of capacity, contested conservatorships, legal and accounting malpractice, wrongful death and various personal injuries. In addition, Dan has mediated cases involving various family law issues such as the characterization of assets and allegations of spousal breach of duty. Dan has facilitated the creation, adoption, and effectuation of difficult and/or complex family succession plans. Dan has further helped to settle multiple cases involving complex business and real estate disputes which have included claims for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, title disputes, and buyer-seller disputes. Since 2020, Dan has also served as Pro Tem in the Sacramento County Superior Court's Civil Settlement Conference Department and its Probate Division. Dan was part of the original bench-Bar committee that established a mediation panel in the Probate Division. Dan is a subject matter expert in the field of trust and estate law. He serves on the Executive Committee for the Trusts and Estates Section of the California Lawyers Association ("TEXCOM"), has been designated as a SuperLawyer in the field of Trust and Estate Litigation since 2010, and has been named Best of Bar for Trusts and Estates and ADR in the Sacramento Region since 2019. As a neutral, Dan has earned a reputation for his deep knowledge of trusts and estates and for having a thoughtful, pragmatic, and effective approach to resolution. One attorney commented, "Dan is a compassionate and patient mediator. He has a gift of flexibility and can adapt to any situation which allows a path of resolution." Another said, "I have chosen Dan to settle several matters for our firm because he has a deep understanding of trust and estate litigation. Many times, these matters are emotional and contentious; he handles all the parties with care and knows how to make them feel comfortable and focused on resolution."

### LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2020-Present)
- Partner, Law Office of Daniel I. Spector (2016-Present)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D. Santa Clara University School of Law (1992)
- B.A. University of California, Davis, magna cum laude (1989)

### ADR EXPERIENCE & PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial, Family Law, Probate, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate, Tort

### ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Named Top Rated Estate & Trust Litigation Attorney, Super Lawyers (2010, 2016-2020)
- Named Sacramento Top Lawyers (2019, 2021)

### HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Dan's primary interests start with his immediate family, his wife, and their two grown daughters. He deeply enjoys the company of friends with whom they strive to make memories filled with laughter and occasional wonder. He loves to play golf, tennis, ping-pong, pickle-ball, corn-hole, dominoes, cribbage, or cards as well as listening and watch music, and enjoys the camaraderie of learning or even creating a piece of music with fellow enthusiasts. He also enjoys the adventure of discovery, whether it is out of the country or in his own backyard.

## LOCATIONS

Northern California, All of California