



Diana B. Kruze, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

A full-time mediator, arbitrator, and discovery referee, Diana Kruze has successfully resolved multi-million-dollar cases globally. Her practice focuses on a wide variety of commercial disputes including IP infringement, biotech and pharmaceuticals, licensing, data breach/cybersecurity, telecommunications, and satellite technology. Previously a litigation partner with the leading international law firm of Morrison & Foerster, she tried and settled complex disputes in countless federal courts across the country. She was later appointed as a full-time judicial officer with the California Superior Court, where she presided over thousands of civil cases and discovery matters. As a former judicial officer, Diana has hands-on experience helping parties resolve their disputes and crafting well-reasoned legal opinions after careful consideration of all arguments and the governing law. Her multi-faceted career has provided her with a well-rounded perspective for resolving disputes. An attorney in mediation with Diana commented, "She did a great job. She was prepared, had a strategy for how to help these parties settle this case, gave an accurate and fair evaluation, had a good sense of pushing the right amount, and executed well on the strategy to settle." Diana has earned a reputation for being thoroughly prepared and is known for coming up with creative solutions. Her direct and persistent approach is balanced by her warm and outgoing personality, which allows her to connect with the parties and move settlement discussions forward.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2021-Present)
- Adjunct Professor, University of California, Hastings College of the Law (2016-Present)
- Mediator, Arbitrator, Discovery Referee, California Superior Court, Most Bay Area Courts (2021 – Present)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D. Hastings College of the Law, magna cum laude (2006)
- B.A. New York University (2001)
- California Superior Court New Judges Training & Orientation (2019)

PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate, Business/Commercial, Cannabis, Employment, Federal, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Probate, Professional Malpractice, Real Estate, Tort

ACHIEVEMENTS

- "Teacher of the Year" Award, LWR Department, U.C. Hastings (2019)
- "Legal Lion" Award by Law360 (2018)
- "Intellectual Property Trailblazer" Award by the National Law Journal (2017)

INTERESTS

Diana enjoys fly-fishing, trying hole-in-the-wall restaurants, and exploring Golden Gate Park with her dogs, Bulldozer, Demolition, and Tiny. She is an avid boxing fan and a terrible poker player. In her spare time, Diana plays the violin, builds mid-century modern dollhouse furniture, and loves searching for dinosaur bones with her three young children. Diana also enjoys binge-watching TV shows (like Ru Paul's Drag Race, the Jinx, Arrested Development, Deadwood, and – of course – Game of Thrones).

LOCATIONS

Northern California, All of California