



Hon. Jan M. Adler, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Jan Adler draws upon more than 40 years of legal experience to help resolve complex disputes. He served as a Federal Magistrate Judge for over 15 years and two years as Presiding Magistrate Judge. During that time, he presided over approximately 2,000 matters as a settlement judge, handling all types of federal civil litigation matters. Prior to his bench appointment, Judge Adler spent 25 years as a trial lawyer litigating complex civil matters, including securities class action, derivative, antitrust, and consumer fraud cases. By tapping into his extensive litigation and judicial background, Jan Adler brings the requisite knowledge and experience to tackle any legal dispute, deploying a unique repertoire of strategies and tactics to help all parties achieve resolutions. Since his retirement in 2018, Judge Adler has developed a reputation as a private Mediator who is patient, hard-working, intelligent, and compassionate.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2019-Present)
- United States Magistrate Judge, Southern District of California (2003-2018); Presiding Magistrate Judge (2017-2018)
- Attorney, handling complex civil litigation with an emphasis on securities class action, derivative litigation, antitrust, and consumer fraud cases, Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach, LLP (1982-2003); Partner (1987-2003) Associate (1982-1986)
- Attorney, handling civil litigation including personal injury, business, insurance law, and workers' compensation, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon (1978-1982)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Duke University School of Law (1978)
- A.B., Cornell University (1975)
- Federal Magistrate Judges Association, Ninth Circuit Director (2014-2018)
- Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges Executive Board, Member (2010-2016); Vice-Chair (2014-2016)
- Ninth Circuit Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Member (2008-2014)
- Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee, Member (2011-2018)
- Ninth Circuit Committee on Magistrate Judge Education, Member (2008-2011)
- Board of Governors, Association of Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL) of San Diego, Member (2000-2007); Secretary (2004-2005); Vice President (2006); President (2007)
- William B. Enright Inn of Court, San Diego, CA, Master (2003-Present)
- San Diego County Superior Court, Judge Pro Tempore (2000-2003)
- San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Member, Board of Directors (1995-2006)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Contractual; Class Actions; Corporate Governance; Employment; Intellectual Property; Personal Injury including Products Liability; Securities

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Speaker, "A History of Mediation, Its Development in the United States, Its Use in the Federal Courts, Practical Tips and Tools for Effective Mediation, and the Benefits of Mediation," presented at the Sorbonne Winter School Conference on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation, and Negotiation Management, Paris, France (November 2018)
- Panelist, "The Written and Unwritten Rules of Civility," Association of Business Trial Lawyers Nuts & Bolts Program, San Diego, California (November 2018)
- Instructor, Pacific Judicial Council 2018 Advanced Mediation Seminar, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (March 2018)
- Panelist, "The Early Neutral Evaluation Conference in the Southern District of California," Thirteenth Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar, San

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

LOCATIONS

Diego, CA (Sep. 2017)

- Moderator, "Effective Settlement Tools and Practices," Twelfth Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar, San Diego, CA (September 2016)
- Panelist, "Significant Issues in Settlement," Ninth Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar, San Diego, CA (September 2013)
- Speaker, First International Seminar on Mediation and Arbitration, Centro Universitario de Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil (May 2013)
- Moderator, "Class Action Case Management," Ninth Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar, San Diego, California (September 2013)
- Presenter, American Arbitration Association Mediation Training Program for San Diego Superior Court Mediators, San Diego, California (January 2011)
- Panelist, "From the Bench: Effective (and Ineffective) Advocacy in Class Action Litigation," Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Third Annual Class Action Symposium, San Diego, California (October 2010)
- Moderator, "Settlement Panel—Rules of the Road in ENEs," Fifth Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar, San Diego, California (September 2009)
- Panelist, "Judges Panel—What Works and What Doesn't" and "Settlement Pitfalls and Objectors," Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Second Annual Class Action Symposium, San Diego, California (October 2009)
- Moderator, "Succeeding In Mediation: Tips From The Bench," Third Annual Judith N. Keep Federal Civil Practice Seminar, San Diego, California (September 2007)
- Panelist, "When Things Go Wrong: You Could Have Settled But You Didn't," Association of Business Trial Lawyers Annual Seminar, Grand Wailea Resort, Maui, Hawaii (October 2006)
- Co-Chair of program on "Confidentiality and Settlement Secrecy Issues," Ninth Circuit Chief District Judges Conference, Sacramento, California (February 2003)
- Recipient, Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services (1997, 2000)
- Co-Author with United States Magistrate Judge Anthony J. Battaglia, "The Federalization of Class Action Cases," published in Report of the ABTL of San Diego (May 2005)
- Co-Author with Melvyn I. Weiss and William S. Lerach, "Obtaining Adequate Monetary Relief for Shareholders of Bankrupt Public Companies: The Nearly Impossible Dream," presented at Practising Law Institute seminar entitled "Complex Litigation in the Context of the Bankruptcy Laws" (Spring 1984)

In his spare time, Judge Adler enjoys traveling and hiking, listening to music, following NCAA and professional sports, reading, and community service, including serving as a Director of Jewish Family Services of San Diego.

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