



Jill R. Sperber, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Jill started her mediation career in 2010 while litigating at Irell & Manella. She was asked to be part of the firm's Alternative Dispute Center where she was selected as a co-arbitrator, mediator, co-mediator, and special master on complex matters. Prior to that, she was a civil litigator handling commercial and civil matters in state and federal courts. Since joining Judicate West in 2014, with her combined experience, Jill has mediated over 1,500 cases including business, consumer, privacy, financial services, employment, entertainment, intellectual property, insurance, antitrust, and tort matters involving single and multiple parties as well as mass arbitration, class and collective actions. Jill's depth of experience, intelligence, and impressive skills are just a few reasons why she has earned a coveted spot on many law firms' list of 'go to' mediators. Thoroughly prepared for every matter, she also has a unique, pragmatic style and is known for creating out-of-the-box strategies to resolve cases where the parties never thought the settlement was possible. She is known for her balance of candor and compassion, tireless/persistent work ethic, and commitment to the process resulting in a "velvet hammer" touch.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2014-present)
- Neutral, Alternative Dispute Resolution Center, Irell & Manella, LLP (Newport Beach, 2010-2014).
- Litigator, Irell & Manella, LLP (Newport Beach, 2005-2010).
- Litigator, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (New York, 2000-2004).
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Clerk for Hon. Ferdinand F. Fernandez (2004-2005).
- United States District Court for the Central District of California, Clerk for Hon. Gary L. Taylor (2001-2002).
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Intern for Hon. Leonard B. Sand (1998).

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Columbia Law School, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar & Columbia Business Law Review (2000)
- B.A., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (1996)
- American College of Civil Trial Mediators, Fellow (2014-Present)
- American Bar Association, Member
- Admissions: CA, NJ, NY, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth and Federal Circuits, U.S. District Court, Central District of CA, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of NY.

PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust; Business/Contractual; Class Actions/Multi-District Litigation; Employment; Insurance Coverage; Intellectual Property; Real Estate; Regulatory Matters; Securities Actions; Tort

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Social Justice Award, ACLU Foundation of Southern California (2010).
- [Co-Editor, Financial Services Mediation Answer Book, Practising Law Institute, 2017 Edition](#)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Ms. Sperber enjoys spending time with her husband, two children, and an active dog, as well as running, biking, hiking, and baking. She is proficient in Spanish.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, Nationwide