



# Joseph E. Thielen, Esq.



Alternative Dispute Resolution  
*Results Beyond Dispute*<sup>SM</sup>

Following his successful career as a litigator where he had been known for representing plaintiffs in all types of personal injury litigation with the highest degree of integrity and civility, Joseph E. Thielen, Esq. was able to use his experience of having a large number of jury trials as a persuasive factor in helping parties assess the risk of trial. In 1998, he transitioned his practice to full-time work as a neutral, with a specialty in resolving insurance bad faith, and product liability, including pharmaceuticals, medical malpractice, and other professional negligence. His quote that best summarized his motivation in this transition was "I know the physical, emotional, and financial price a jury trial extracts on litigants and their counsel, I hope to spare some of them this significant expenditure." Mr. Thielen has successfully mediated or arbitrated several hundred matters where both he and the clients felt his prior trial experience proved invaluable. One defense lawyer stated "I always find him to be effective and fair to both sides. It's generally a good experience for all." Another said, "His ethics and professionalism place him in good standing, I can't wait to introduce my other clients to him."

## LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2007-Present)
- Thielen & Burke, Representing plaintiffs in high end personal injury matters (1984-98)
- Harney & Moore, Plaintiff personal injury firm specializing in medical malpractice (1974-84)

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D. Southwestern University (1974)
- B.A. University of Southern California (1971)
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Diplomat (1980-98)
- New York Law Journals Seminars, Lecturer (1980-1998)
- Advanced Advocacy Institute, ABOTA, Instructor, (1980-1998)
- CEB, Instructor and Lecturer (1980-1998)
- California and Local Consumers Attorneys Association, Member and Board Member (1974-1998)

## PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation; Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith; Personal Injury; Pharmaceuticals; Professional Liability With Emphasis on Medical Malpractice; Toxic Torts

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Martindale Hubble AV Rated
- Trial Lawyer of the Year, Orange County Chapter ABOTA (1998)
- Author, Matthew Bender Chapter on Arbitration of Medical Malpractice Actions (1995)
- Best Lawyer in America, listed (1984-98)
- Selected, California's Best Personal Injury Lawyers (1988)

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Enjoys bicycling, hiking and being in the great outdoors.

## LOCATIONS

Orange County, Nationwide