



Hon. Mitchel R. Goldberg, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

After 20 years of service, Judge Goldberg retired from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 9th Circuit, Central District of California, where he presided over and mediated all types of bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy related issues including but not limited to class actions involving multiple insurance coverage issues, complex commercial matters involving real estate, banking/lending, title insurance, collateralized debt obligations, securities, patent, and copyright issues. During his time on the bench, Judge Goldberg earned a reputation with both the bench and the bar as the "go-to" guy for mediation of all types of problem disputes mediating many hundreds of cases for all other 21 Judges in the Central District. After he retired, his passion for mediation remained front and center so much so that it led him to teach an advanced course in mediation skills at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine Law School. He found it so invigorating that he ultimately decided to continue teaching and became an adjunct professor and to further serve the community as a private mediator with Judicate West. Judge Goldberg has been a featured speaker about bankruptcy, transportation, real estate, and family law, plus mediation and effective communication skills. He was a panel speaker at the International Conference of Judges sponsored by the World Bank and Pepperdine University at which over 40 nations were present, and he was recently one of four Professors/ judicial mediators to introduce mediation skills to lawyers and judges in the Republic of Uganda. Many of the attorneys who have worked with Judge Goldberg over the years have commented that although their experience with him as a mediator was initially through the bankruptcy court, his skills are obvious to all and translate well into all other areas of civil litigation. He has settled cases that the lawyers felt could not settle and is gifted in legally complex cases and highly emotional cases.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Judicate West (2009-Present)
- Adjunct Professor Straus Institute for Alternative Dispute Resolution Pepperdine Law School 2009-present
- U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Central Dist. of Calif. 1988-2008
- Private Attorney 1970-1988

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Advanced mediation certificate Pepperdine Law- Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution 2009
- J.D. University of Colorado 1968
- B.A. University of Colorado 1965
- Temple Beth Tikvah (TBT), Board Of Trustees (1992-Present)
- Inland Empire BK Forum (1988-2010)
- TBT, President (1989-1991)
- United Way Orange County, Board Of Directors (1975-1981)
- Jewish Family Services OC, Board Of Directors/President (1971-1976)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Contractual; Insolvency Issues; Lender Liability; Professional Liability; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Guest Speaker Central Dist Bd of Judges 2012
- Natl Moot court team and best oral argument Rocky Mt. Region 1967
- Articles Editor U of Colorado Law Review 1966-68

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Interests include travel, golf, working as a Hospice volunteer, teaching and children's story teller

LOCATIONS

Orange County, Nationwide

