



Robert N. Dobbins, LLM, Esq.



Results Beyond Dispute™

Rob is an accomplished Mediator and Arbitrator with over two decades of experience. Rob has mediated several thousand matters, the majority of which has been as a Judicate West Neutral. His practice as a neutral has evolved to focus on medical negligence and elder abuse matters, following his mentorship under Master Mediator/Arbitrator Jay Cordell Horton. Through this collaboration, they have co-mediated more than 100 cases in these specialized areas. Rob also brings extensive experience in major injury cases and a broad range of complex business/commercial, real estate, employment, and financial institution matters. He is known for his patience, tenacity, insight, and ability to establish a connection with all parties, which has been key to achieving favorable resolutions in even the most challenging cases.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2007-Present)
- Mediator/Arbitrator (2002-Present)
- Adjunct Faculty, University of California, Berkeley Law School (Boalt Hall) (2014-Present)
- Adjunct Professor, Center for Negotiation & Dispute Resolution, Univ. of California, Hastings Law School (2005-Present)
- Adjunct Professor, Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University Law School (2002-Present)
- Adjunct Professor, Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Undergraduate Dispute Resolution Certificate Program (2003-Present)
- Judge Pro Tempore and Settlement Officer, Orange County Superior Court (1985-2002)
- Attorney, Private Practice with an emphasis on major injury and death, real property litigation and transactions, business litigation, counseling, transactions; probate, trusts, estates litigation; employment litigation; Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Magnusson-Moss, Unruh Act litigation (1978-2002)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- LL.M. Dispute Resolution, Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School (2003)
- Master of Dispute Resolution, Straus Institute For Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School (2001)
- J.D. Southwestern University School of Law (SCALE Program) (1978)
- B.S., Boston University, School of Communication (1975)
- Program Faculty & Moderator, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law, "Mediating the Litigated Case"
- Panel Moderator, Hispanic Bar Association "Cuba-America Legal Exchange, Havana, Cuba": "Preparing Your Case for Settlement in Mediation"
- Program Faculty/Trainer, International Trademark Association, Mediation Continuing Education
- Advanced Training, Nevada Supreme Court "Settlement Judges": "How 'Who You Are' as Mediator May Affect Your Ethical Duties in Mediation"
- Special Counsel and founding member, Deacon Jones Foundation
- Special Counsel and founding member, Friends of Bear Paw, Big Hole & Canyon Creek Battlefields

PRACTICE AREAS

Catastrophic Injury; Complex Business/Commercial; Elder Abuse; Medical Negligence; Real Estate; Trust/Estates

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Published numerous articles in his ADR career including "The Layered Dispute Resolution Clause: From Boilerplate to Business Opportunity" in the Hastings B. L. Journal; "UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Conciliation" in Pepperdine's ADR Journal; and "Mediation: Through the Eyes of the Mediator, featured on www.mediate.com in April of 2003.
- Additionally, he was a Program Faculty/Trainer, International Trademark Association, Mediation Continuing Education and a Visiting Scholar for the UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in Vienna, Austria.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

In his spare time, Rob enjoys baseball, running marathons, traveling, brewing fine craft ales and drinking fine wines, and the arts.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, Nationwide