



## Robert M. Tessier, Esq.



Results Beyond Dispute<sup>SM</sup>

Admitted to practice law in 1986, and AV Rated for many years, Mr. Tessier's legal career included representing defendants in general negligence, real estate, and product defect claims, as well as representing plaintiffs in varied matters of general and product liability, motor vehicle, and job site and construction injury litigation. As a mediator, he has developed particular expertise in traumatic orthopedic, brain, and neurologic injuries, as well as worker's compensation and medical lien issues. Since joining Judicate West in 2008, he has mediated over four thousand litigated tort cases, including a myriad of major injury and high-profile claims. He has become one of the most sought-after mediators in Southern California and is well respected by all sides. One attorney commented: "Bob is extremely knowledgeable about the litigation process and is dead on in his analysis of cases. He has a wonderful way with people and uses his skills to cut to the heart of the case, while at the same time giving everyone their say. Another client commented: "Mr. Tessier was fantastic on a complicated premises liability claim, he never gave up during the negotiations and continued to encourage and work with the parties until the case settled. I will absolutely use him again." A recent client succinctly summed it up: "He's a closer." His varied life experience before becoming a lawyer, such as working in automobile restoration, restaurants, as a fitness trainer, and as a musician gives him a practical and unique perspective to alternative dispute resolution, and a comfortable, relatable style with his clients.

### LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Judicate West (2008-Present)
- Faculty, Institute for Conflict Management, Mediating the Litigated Case (2005-2010)
- Robert M. Tessier, P.C, (1997-2006)
- Partner, Rowell & Tessier, A Law Corporation (1992-1997)
- Associate, Paul & Stuart (1991-1992)
- Associate, R. Edward Pfiester, A Law Corporation (1990-1991)
- Associate, Greene, O'Reilly, Broillet, Paul, Simon & Wheeler (1988-1990)
- Associate, Murchison & Cumming (1986-1988)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, *cum laude* (1986);
- B.A., Loyola Marymount University (1983)
- Department of Real Estate, Real Estate Broker (2005)
- Pepperdine University, School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Mediation Training; Specialized Mediation- Law, Faith and Peacemaking
- Superlawyer (2014-Present)
- Daily Journal Top 50 Neutrals State of California (2011, 2013)
- International Academy of Mediators, Distinguished Fellow

### PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Defect/Injury Claims; Elder Law; Employment Law; FDCPA/Class Actions; Insurance Bad Faith; Lemon Law; Product Liability; Professional Negligence; Real Estate; Serious Personal Injury; Trust/Probate Disputes

### ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Mr. Tessier was named by Los Angeles Magazine as one of California's "Super Lawyers", each year from 2014 through 2018, in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Mr. Tessier has published numerous articles in the field of mediation for the various bar associations, publications and Pepperdine Law Review, including: "What Goldilocks and the Three Bears Can Teach Us About Mediation," (CAOC Advocate 2014), "The Top Ten Ways Not to Settle Your Personal-Injury Case at Mediation" (Plaintiff Magazine 2021), "The Case for Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Business Disputes," "How to Achieve Optimum Results at

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**LOCATIONS**

Mediation," "Mediating an Auto Case: Steps to Success & Mistakes to Avoid in Mediating an Auto Case," "Making Effective Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution for Small Businesses," and "The Settlement Game in the Ballpark that Tech-Bilt." Additionally, Mr. Tessier has presented at numerous speaking engagements including: "Practical Tips for Success at Mediation," Reykjavik, Iceland (2017), "Micro-Interventions for Unexpected Calamities, International Academy of Mediators," Auckland, New Zealand (2016), "Let's Make a Deal—Strategies for Resolving Personal Injury Claims," SCMA (2012), "The Do's and Don'ts of Mediation" LACBA (2009), "Ethics in the Small Office" (2008), "Workers Compensation and Governmental Liens" (2008), "Governmental Liens, Statutory Liens & ERISA" (2007), "Mediating the Litigated Case" (2006), "The Prisoner's Dilemma" (2006), "Seduction in the Art of Mediation" (2006) and co-instructed numerous advanced mediation training courses.

His personal life involves his love of music-as he continues to moonlight in various bands-and classic automobile restoration. Charitable work includes being a current board member and officer of the JW Foundation, and Honorary board member of the Los Angeles Trial Lawyer Charities.

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