



SUSAN G. FEDER, ESQ.

MEDIATOR AND ARBITRATOR

NEUTRAL EXPERIENCE

Full time neutral with Judicate West; 2015 – present. Resolved hundreds of cases with 85% success rate. Settlement Conference Officer and Judge Pro Tem; San Francisco and Marin Superior Courts; 2010-2020 Principal; Susan Feder Mediation; 2010-2015
Lecturer in Mediation, USF Law School, San Francisco; 2013-2017

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Litigation Attorney; Office of the General Counsel, Bank of America, San Francisco; 1981-1986
Commercial Litigation Attorney; Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker, Los Angeles; 1979-1981

EDUCATION

JD, Hastings College of the Law; 1979
BA, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, UCLA ; 1976
University of Paris, Sorbonne ; 1975-1976

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

President, Marin County Bar Association (MCBA); 2020
Secretary, MCBA; 2019
Board of Directors/Officer, MCBA; 2016-2021
ADR Section Chair, MCBA, 2017-2019
Board of Directors, The Mediation Society; 2018-2022
Board of Directors, Youth In Arts, Marin County Arts' Nonprofit; 2005-2017
Member, Richard Sangster Inn of Court; 2014-2020
Member, San Francisco Bar Association; 2014-Present
Member, Women Lawyers of Los Angeles; 2023-Present
Member, California Women Lawyers; 2012-2020

PHILOSOPHY

Prepare exhaustively for each case.

Strategize with all parties prior to each mediation via a Pre-Mediation Conference Call.

Listen empathetically to the parties.

Develop rapport and foster trust with the litigants.

Uncover any hidden issues driving the parties' positions.

Utilize both facilitative and directive approaches as needed.

Guide counsel towards a successful resolution that all parties can accept.

Follow Up relentlessly if settlement is not reached at the session.

LANGUAGES

Proficiency in both Spanish and French

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Cycling, hiking, water and snow skiing, boating, pickleball and babysitting grandchildren!

AVAILABILITY

In person throughout California as well as remotely nationwide via Zoom.