



RICHARD M. COLEMAN, ESQ.

Mediator/Arbitrator/Discovery Referee

A trial lawyer with more than four decades of experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants, Dick Coleman has served as a neutral since 1996. Since 2000, he has taught Negotiation and Settlement Advocacy at Pepperdine's Straus Institute, rated by *US News & World Report* as the #1 graduate program in Dispute Resolution. As his experience suggests, Dick is an excellent settlement officer and discovery referee. He is known for putting the parties at ease with his relaxed, affable style. His natural instincts for working with people enhance his ability to resolve all types of disputes.

PRACTICE AREAS

Contract, corporate, discovery, employment, entertainment, fraud, medical and legal malpractice, real estate, security, business and personal injury tort cases.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Dick Coleman is a frequently requested neutral at ARC for mediations and arbitrations. He is also an outstanding discovery referee who is recommended by Superior Court judges who appreciate his impeccable attention to detail, knowledge of the law and take-charge attitude. Dick has written a series of columns on discovery for the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* which have ranked among the publication's most widely read articles. Dick's insights "hit the nail on the head," according to a federal judge. Dick is often requested by major law firms as an MCLE presenter on discovery and other topics.

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Dick Coleman provided litigation, mediation and arbitration services for various corporations, law firms and individual clients which included, among others, TRW, the Ralph M. Parsons Company, GTE, Zurn Industries, Kindel & Anderson, William Peter Blatty and Conway Twitty. Dick has lectured and served on panels on mediation for ABOTA, the Los Angeles Superior Court, UCLA, Pepperdine, and other organizations. He is a former president of the Los Angeles County and Century City bar associations, and the National Caucus of Metropolitan Bar Leaders.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- McKibbin Excellence In Teaching Award, 2006, Pepperdine University School of Law.
- Lawyer of the Year Award, 2001, Malibu Bar Association.
- Daniel O'Connell Award for career achievement and community contribution, 1997.
- Outstanding Service Award, 1989 and Outstanding Achievement Award, 1975, 1977, 1979, Century City Bar Association.
- Los Angeles Trial Lawyer's President's Award for Outstanding Contributions, 1981, 1982.
- One of 10 national recipients, Prettyman Fellowship in Trial Advocacy, Georgetown University.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- C.D.R. (1999), Pepperdine Law School
- LL.M (1961), Georgetown Law Center
- J.D. (1960), Harvard Law School
- A.B., (1957), Georgetown University, *Summa Cum Laude*

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