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# Eydith J. Kaufman, Esq.

## *Mediator*

Eydith Kaufman has 25 years of experience as a civil litigation attorney, including working in high volume trial firms and handling a variety of cases including medical malpractice, wrongful death, commercial and contractual disputes and personal injury, among other areas. When starting out, she primarily handled defense work, but also worked on plaintiff cases, including her first trial on a plaintiff's pregnancy discrimination case.

When returning primarily to defense work, Ms. Kaufman earned a reputation for being respectful and professional, often resulting in the ability to work out issues informally with plaintiffs' counsel when possible, while still zealously advocating her client's position. She has gone to trial on cases involving brain injuries, wrongful death and multiple plaintiffs' bodily injury. Throughout her career, she has represented a variety of clients, from individuals unfamiliar with the legal system, to small businesses, to large corporations and governmental agencies.

Ms. Kaufman has extensive experience in mediating cases on behalf of her clients, and uses that experience to help craft an efficient and effective mediation based on the needs of all participants. She is tenacious and will work tirelessly as a neutral to bring the participants to a resolution so they can avoid the risks, stresses and costs associated with trial. With her background in medical malpractice and complex injury cases, Ms. Kaufman has a quick grasp of the causation issues that may effect liability and damages in matters involving personal injury, and can aid the participants in achieving creative solutions where needed.

## **Practice Areas**

- Personal Injury, Personal Injury- Traumatic Brain Injury, Business/Contractual, Discovery-Civil, Employment Law - Harassment and Discrimination, Fee Disputes, Habitability, Medical Malpractice, Premises Liability, Professional Liability.

## **Conflict Resolution Experience**

- American Institute of Mediation - Mediation certification
- Bar Assoc. of San Francisco (pending)
- Pro bono small claims mediations (pending)

## **Education & Training**

- J.D., cum laude, University of San Diego, 1997.
- B.A., cum laude, The George Washington University in Washington D.C., 1994

## **Organizations & Achievements**

Present:

- San Diego Lawyers' Club, San Diego Defense Lawyers; San Diego County Bar Assoc., ABA
- PIMA Medical Institute; Guest Lecturer, Medical & Legal Ethics class, 2005-Present

Past:

- President, Board of Directors, Jensen Music Foundation
- Exec. Board Member, Compliance, Commercial Chair, Cal. Avocado Festival
- Emeritus Board Member, Theater and Concert Committee, Plaza Playhouse
- Member, Home Start Fundraising Event Committee
- Univ. of San Diego Law School; Adj. Professor of Law, Topics in Insurance Law, 2008-2012
- Carpinteria Chamber of Commerce
- NBC Nightly News Los Angeles, Featured speaker on Dense Breast Notification Law
- Panelist/Expert, Plaza Playhouse Theater, Cancer Benefit
- Ron Mohammed Show; Featured Guest Attorney, San Diego (2001)

*Ms. Kaufman is available throughout California and Nationally.*

