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Barry M. Appell, Esq.

Mediator

Barry Appell has 28 years' experience representing both employees and employers in employment litigation in trial and appellate courts, arbitrations, and administrative proceedings. Barry also has experience conducting trainings and workplace investigations, preparing handbooks, and counseling employers for compliance with employment laws.

Barry began mediating in 2018, and in 2021, he left his employment law practice to mediate full-time. From 1994-2004, he represented employers exclusively. From 2004-2021, he represented both employees and employers, although primarily employees. This range of experience allows him to understand disputes from the unique perspectives of each side, including their personal goals and needs. His knowledge of all aspects of employment law, along with his straightforward approach, has resulted in Barry achieving a very high success rate in resolving cases.

Practice Areas

Barry has substantial experience mediating employment law disputes including harassment and discrimination, failure to accommodate, retaliation, leave laws, wrongful termination, wage and hour, employment contracts, unfair competition, and privacy claims.

Barry also has substantial experience mediating class actions and representative actions, such as under PAGA.

He is also experienced in mediating breach of contract and business disputes, tort claims, personal injury matters, and a variety of consumer claims such as fraud.

Organizations & Achievements

- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Employment Law Section
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Employment Law Section
- Southern California Mediation Association
- Named to "Southern California Rising Stars" (2004) and "Southern California Super Lawyers" (2005- 2022 as an Employment Litigator, and 2024 as a Mediator, Super Lawyers, Thompson Reuters)
- Avvo Top-Rated Lawyer (2021)

Education & Training

- J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1994
- B.S., California State University Northridge, Business, 1991, cum laude
- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, Mediating the Litigated Case, August 2015
- Mediator, Center for Conflict Resolution, 2016-2019
- Mediator, Small Claims, Los Angeles Superior Court, 2016-2019
- Mediator, Ventura County Superior Court, ADR Panel, 2018 to present
- Mediator, Mediation Center of Los Angeles, 2019 to present

Mr. Appell is available throughout Southern California.

