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Gary N. Stern, Esq.

Mediator, Arbitrator, Discovery Referee

Veteran California civil litigator Gary Stern is widely regarded as a “lawyer’s lawyer,” known for his unwavering commitment to justice, fairness, and professional ethics. After 44 years of litigating civil cases throughout California - and with a growing focus on alternative dispute resolution over the past five years, Mr. Stern has transitioned to serving exclusively as a neutral.

In 2019, he was recognized as one of the most effective settlement officers at the Spring Street Courthouse. Since then, he has continued to mediate a wide range of civil matters while concluding his litigation practice. He is now available to serve as a neutral in all forms of dispute resolution services including mediation, arbitration, discovery reference, and neutral evaluation.

Mr. Stern is highly regarded for his balanced and impartial approach, thorough preparation, and persistent commitment to resolution. His even-handed demeanor, professionalism, and good humor have earned him the trust and respect of both sides of the bar.

Practice Areas

Health Care–Related Civil Disputes:

Medical malpractice, Hospital and emergency room negligence, Nursing negligence, Dental malpractice, and Psychiatric malpractice. Elder abuse, including cases involving nursing homes and board-and-care facilities.

Other Civil Disputes:

Product liability, General personal injury matters, and Employment disputes under California’s Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), including: Sexual harassment, Disability discrimination, Retaliation and Related workplace claims.

Conflict Resolution Experience

Mr. Stern brings a wealth of experience, credibility, and dedication to his work as a neutral. For over 25 years, he has served the courts as a trusted settlement officer, and for the past five years, he has been an active member of both the U.S. District Court (Central District) ADR Panel and multiple panels of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

In 2019, Mr. Stern completed the intensive mediation training program at the prestigious Pepperdine University Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. Since then, he has successfully mediated more than 50 cases, including a complex asbestos matter involving 25 defendants and a single plaintiff, as well as a wide range of disputes involving real property, healthcare, and employment claims under California’s Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA).

With 44 years of civil litigation and trial experience, Mr. Stern also brings deep insight into the arbitration process.

He has arbitrated numerous Kaiser medical malpractice cases, securing multiple six- and seven-figure awards. His extensive background as both advocate and neutral enables him to quickly understand the issues, engage the parties, and drive resolution.

Organizations & Achievements

- Member, State Bar of CA;
- Affiliate member, CAALA, CAOC
- Member, LACBA
- Judge Pro Tem, Los Angeles SC
- Member of ADR panel, Central District, U.S.D.C.
- Member of Resolve Law Panel
- Member of LASC MVP panel
- Community activist, board member of Jewish Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Education & Training

- J.D. Southwestern, 1980, cum laude, law review
- B.A., UCLA (Poly Sci) 1977
- Straus Institute, 2019

Mr. Stern is available Nationwide.