



### *Biographical Information*

## **William J. Caplan, Esq.**

After 20+ years as a Rutan & Tucker trial attorney in Orange County, Mediator William J. Caplan transitioned into a full time mediation practice in 2001. Mr. Caplan received Mediation Certificates from Harvard Law School (2004), Pepperdine University Straus Institute (2002) and the Center for Community Mediation (1993). Mr. Caplan graduated high in class standing from the UCLA School of Law in 1978. He has consistently enjoyed Martindale Hubble's highest rating, AV.

Mr. Caplan has mediated more than 1000 disputes in Orange, Riverside and Los Angeles Counties, and has an excellent track record of successful mediations. Mr. Caplan serves as an adjunct professor, teaching mediation, at Chapman University School of Law.

Mr. Caplan's mediation practice concentrates in the same practice areas as emphasized in his litigation practice, including:

- ◆ Real estate disputes
- ◆ Business contracts & torts
- ◆ Construction defects, contracts and administration
- ◆ Employment disputes
- ◆ Partnerships & other fiduciaries

Mr. Caplan has also mediated dozens of personal injury and professional negligence disputes.

Mr. Caplan has published the following articles on mediation:

- ◆ *"Mediation - Joint Session or No Joint Session? That is the Question,"* Association of Business Trial Lawyers Report (Fall 2013)
- ◆ *"Deal or No Deal,"* Orange County Lawyer (March 2009)
- ◆ *"The Dark Side of Mediated Agreements,"* Association of Business Trial Lawyers Report (2006)
- ◆ *"The Quick Brown Lawyer Jumped Over the Mediation Traps,"* Orange County Lawyer (January 2005)
- ◆ *"Mediation is Confidential, Not Exactly,"* Orange County Lawyer (March 2003)
- ◆ *"Joy of Mediation,"* Orange County Lawyer (March 2002)

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**COMMUNITY/AFFILIATIONS:**

- ◆ Adjunct Professor - Chapman University School of Law (August 2006 to present)
- ◆ Orange County Bar Association - Court Affiliated Civil Mediation Panel (1998)
- ◆ Los Angeles Superior Court ADR Program since 2001

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

- ◆ Mediation Certificate - Harvard University, Program of Instruction for Lawyers (48 hour program - 2004)
- ◆ Mediation Certificate - Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (36 hour program - 2002)
- ◆ Mediation Certificate - Center for Community Mediation (25 hour program - 1993)
- ◆ Certificate: National Institute of Trial Advocacy (N.I.T.A.) (Advanced Program - 1994)

**MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS**

- ◆ American Bar Association
- ◆ Orange County Bar Association

**AWARD & HONORS**

- ◆ Wiley Manual Award for Pro Bono Legal Services (2002)
- ◆ AV ® Preeminent™ rating with LexisNexis/Martindale Hubbell

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