



Biographical Information

Mitchell Samuelson, Esq.

Overview: Mitchell Samuelson develops solutions that meet the interests of the parties, while facilitating closure and continuing discussion until a resolution is reached. Mr. Samuelson listens to all parties closely and assists them in reaching an agreed solution. Most matters can be resolved by seeking a resolution outside of the narrow parameters of their dispute. Mr. Samuelson searches for innovative resolutions and attempts to provide the parties with an approach to assist them in arriving at an amicable solution. Mitchell Samuelson's 40 years of active litigation practice provides a strong credible basis for arriving at a permanent solution to a dispute.

Biography: Mr. Samuelson is a highly respected attorney who has specialized in the litigation of complex business issues and construction related problems. For over 40 years Mr. Samuelson has utilized his trial experience in the resolution of business, real estate, partnership, corporate, and construction issues and matters by mediation and arbitration. He has conducted a private alternative dispute resolution practice from 1989 to 1997 through his former partnership Davis, Samuelson Blakely & Goldberg and since 1997 through the Law Offices of Mitchell Samuelson.

Mr. Samuelson began his law career as a clerk for the National Labor Relations Board, and then he served as a trial attorney for the Department of Justice before becoming an associate with Gendel, Raskoff, Shapiro & Quittner, and then with Hurwitz and Hurwitz in Orange County, California. Mr. Samuelson opened his own practice, which he later merged with, and became a partner in, Cohen, Stokke, Owen & David. This partnership subsequently became Davis, Samuelson, Blakely & Goldberg. Mr. Samuelson's practice is now devoted solely to ADR.

Mr. Samuelson has also served as a mediator for the Los Angeles County Superior Court and has been an instructor for both the California State Bar and the Orange County Bar Association; from 2004 through 2008 Mr. Samuelson was an instructor for the Orange County Bridging The Gap program on alternative dispute resolution practices.

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Professional Experience:

- ◆ Over 50 years of litigating complex business, commercial, real estate and construction defect matters;
- ◆ Orange County Superior Court business arbitration panel;
- ◆ Orange County Superior Court business mediation panel;
- ◆ Orange County Superior Court Early Neutral Evaluation panel;
- ◆ Certified Strauss Institute mediating the litigated case;
- ◆ Certified Strauss Institute mediation complex construction disputes;
- ◆ Over 40 years private mediator/arbitrator business, commercial construction defect, personal injury, and real estate matters;
- ◆ Appointed as a discovery referee by the judges of the Orange County Superior Court;

Education & Training:

- ◆ Boston University, A.B. cum laude
- ◆ Boston University J.D. cum laude
- ◆ Institute of Construction Management, Commercial and Construction Mediator
- ◆ 2007, 2010, 2013 Orange County Superior Court Temporary Judge Training
- ◆ 2008 Orange County Superior Court Civil Mediation Program
- ◆ Pepperdine/ Straus Institute , Certificate for completion of 42 hour course of study in “Mediating the Litigated Case”.
- ◆ Pepperdine/ Straus Institute , Certificate for completion of 40 hour course of study in “Mediating the Complex Construction Defect Case”.

Court Admissions

- ◆ United States Supreme Court
- ◆ California Bar Association
- ◆ Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- ◆ All Districts of the California United States District Court
- ◆ Massachusetts (*inactive*)

Professional Activities:

Mr. Samuelson has for over 30 years participated in resolving disputes through the Orange County Superior Court. He has been asked to hear both law and motion calendars and has conducted over 500 settlement conferences. Mr. Samuelson has also been appointed by the Orange County Superior Court as a discovery referee. In addition, he has been appointed to the Orange County Superior Court Business Litigation Arbitration Panel. He has been selected by the Orange County Superior Court as a member on both the initial Early Neutral Evaluation and Civil Mediation panels and has conducted mandatory settlement conferences through the Orange County Superior Court. He as for over 25 years been an arbitrator for the Orange County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panel and on the California State Bar Fee Arbitration Committee. Mr Samuelson has conducted over 400 mediations and arbitrations over the last 40 years both as a private and volunteer neutral.

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