



MEDIATION & ARBITRATION

Hon. Lawrence W. Crispo, Ret.
Superior Court Judge



Highly respected by trial lawyers, Judge Crispo's tenure on the bench and his extensive private career enable him to easily and effectively work with counsel and their clients to move matters toward resolution. Knowledgeable in many aspects of the law, Judge Crispo is insightful, extremely personable and has been able to achieve consensus in almost all matters brought before him.

TYPES OF CASES AND EXPERTISE INCLUDE:

Business, Civil Rights, Commercial Contract, Computer Fraud, Construction Defect, E-Discovery, Elder Law, Eminent Domain, Labor & Employment, Entertainment, Family Law, Governmental Liability, Health Care Law, Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith, Intellectual Property, Medical Legal & Accountancy Malpractice, Medical Devices, Personal Injury, Pharmaceuticals, Probate, Product Liability, Real Estate, Securities, Wage and Hour and Toxic Torts.

EDUCATION:

2004 American Bar Association (ABA) Arbitration Training Institute -
Advanced Arbitration
2002 Pepperdine Law School, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution -
Mediation and Advanced Mediation
1998 National Judicial College, Mediation and Dispute Resolution
1961 Loyola Law School, J.D.
1956 Loyola Marymount University, B.S.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

2004-Pres. Private Judge – Dispute Resolution
1994-2004 Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court –
Extensive Complex Civil Calendar
1967-1994 Partner & Shareholder - Breidenbach, Swainston, Crispo & Way
1964-1967 Sole Practitioner and Of Counsel to Gilbert, Thompson & Kelly
1962-1964 Associate - Gilbert, Thompson & Kelly
1961-1962 Deputy City Attorney - City of Los Angeles

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Superior Court Executive Committee – Two Terms
Committee on Standard Jury Instructions (BAJI)
State Bar Judicial Council Liaison Committee
Superior Court ADR Committee
Chair of the Bench and Bar Committee
Grand and Trial Jurors Committee
Jury Reform Committee
Legislative Committee
Special Events Committee
Judicial Council Civil Advisory Committee
Committee on Judicial Education and Research

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates
(ABOTA) Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
Member, International Society of Barristers
Member, American Law Institute
Vice President, State Bar Board of Governors
Chair & Advisor, State Bar Litigation Section
Lawyer Delegate, Federal Ninth Circuit Judicial
Conference Member, American Bar Association House of
Delegates Member, California Judges Association
Advisor, State Bar Committee on ADR
Member, State Bar of California Foundation Board of
Directors Chair, Coalition for Justice
Member, American Judicature Society
Chair, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Judiciary
Committee President, Wilshire Bar Association Board of
Governors Governor, Association of Business Trial Lawyers
President, Italian-American Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
(IALA) President, Loyola Law School Alumni Board of Governors
Member, International Academy of Trial Judges
American Inns of Court, National Director and
Charter President of The Mount Baldy Inn

SELECTED LECTURES AND SEMINARS PRESENTED:

1978-1982 Lecturer & Faculty Member, USC Law Center,
California Institute of Trial Advocacy
1990-2004 The Rutter Group
1992-2005 Litigation Section, “Champions of the Courtroom”
1994-2005 Continuing Education of the Bar, State Bar of California

1999-2008 Faculty, Continuing Judicial Studies Program
1999 Food and Drug Law Institute, Georgetown Law Center
1999 The Rutter Group – Construction Defect Litigation
2000-2003 Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Las Vegas Annual Seminars
2000-2003 Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Annual Seminars
2002 Faculty & Seminar Group Leader, B.E. Witkin Judicial College
2002 Lexis Nexis, Mealey's California Section 17200 Conference
2003-2005 California CPA Education Foundation, Advanced Business Litigation Institute B&P17200
Unfair Business Practices, La Quinta & Los Angeles
2003 Defense Research Institute, Product Liability Conference – Las Vegas 2004-2009
State Bar Section Education Institute, Santa Monica, Berkeley & San Diego 2005-2010
California State Bar, Summary Judgments
2006 ALI ABA American Law Institute – The Art and Science of Serving As a Special Master in Federal
and State Courts – San Francisco
2006-2007 California State Bar – What Every Litigator Would Like Transactional Lawyers to Know –
Anaheim and Monterey
2008 American Bar Association – International Law Section – International Arbitrations in China 2008
California State Bar – Litigation Section – Coaching for the New Practitioner: What they Didn't Teach You in
Law School
2008 CEB The Examination of Witnesses Before Trial – A Primer on Depositions for New and
Experienced Attorneys
2008 CEB Cross- Examination: Techniques and Evidentiary Issues for the Experienced Litigator 2008
The Rutter Group – Successful Motions During Trial - Do's & Don'ts 2009 State Bar – Deal or No Deal
– Mediating Employment Cases With a
Corporate Defendant – Section Education Institute – Berkeley
2009 Los Angeles County Bar - Arbitration as an Alternative to Litigation of Civil Disputes
2009-2011 California State Bar – Summary Judgments, Winning at Arbitration