



Barbara J. Mandell, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Barbara brings more than 40 years of legal experience representing insurance carriers, individuals and businesses to her mediation practice. She has litigated and mediated a wide range of civil matters including personal injury, real estate, insurance coverage and bad faith actions. She has participated in hundreds of mediations throughout her career, including as a successful litigator and as the founder and managing partner of her law firm, and the head of her own mediation firm, Mandell Mediation. She also served as a settlement officer in the Resolve Law L.A. Mandatory Settlement Conference Program for the Los Angeles County Superior Court since its inception in 2020 and previously volunteered for many years as a settlement officer in the court's CRASH Program. Drawing from her unparalleled experience and expertise in insurance coverage and liability disputes, when mediating, Barbara is able to examine a case from all angles. She takes pride in her analytical yet empathetic approach to the mediation process and has a unique ability to connect with people and understand the underlying issues that motivate parties to settle. A commitment to preparation, focus, and persistence inspires her practice, and she has built a reputation within the legal community as an intelligent, candid, and results-oriented mediator.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2024-Present)
- Mediator, Mandell Mediation (2024)
- Of Counsel, Colman Perkins Law Group; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes (2023-2024)
- Managing Partner, Mandell, Damon & Associates; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability, and subrogation (2015-2022)
- Founder and Managing Partner, Mandell & Associates; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability and subrogation (2008-2015)
- Partner, Michelman & Robinson; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability, and subrogation matters (2006-2008)
- Associate Attorney, Partner, Gilbert Kelly Crowley and Jennett; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial and personal injury liability suits, including homeowners' liability, habitability and landlord tenant disputes, premises liability, and subrogation matters (1982-1995, 1999-2006)
- Staff Counsel, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company; specialized in insurance coverage and bad faith (1995-1997)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Loyola Law School (1982)
- B.S.W., Adelphi University (1977)
- Mediating the Litigated Case, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine (2019)
- Los Angeles Superior Court Resolve Law, Settlement Officer (2020-2024)
- Los Angeles Superior Court CRASH, Settlement Officer (1990's)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member (1982-Present)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Member (1982- Present)

PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Commercial; Construction Defect; Employment; Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith, and Subrogation; Personal Injury; Real Estate including Landlord-Tenant

**ACHIEVEMENTS &
AWARDS**

and subrogation, personal injury, real estate including landlords' tenants

- California Super Lawyers - Insurance Coverage (2019-2024)

**HOBBIES &
INTERESTS**

Barbara enjoys spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter. She loves travelling, particularly in Europe, and enjoys watching all sports; especially the LAKERS!

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, All of California