



Douglas K. deVries, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Doug deVries became a full-time mediator in 2011, following 35 years of experience litigating complex cases at both the trial and appellate court levels in State and Federal courts. Doug's areas of expertise include insurance coverage and bad faith, major personal injury, product liability, medical malpractice, employment, commercial, and other complex cases. He has 30 years of experience as a mediator, arbitrator, and settlement conference Judge Pro Tem in various courts and programs in Northern CA. His strengths include the ability to listen and communicate in a highly effective manner (including circumstances involving strong personalities and emotionally charged issues), and to fully understand and thoroughly analyze complex legal and factual issues. Over the years, he has been selected to mediate complex cases, including mass tort property damage insurance disputes, and developed a statewide reputation for being one of the "go to" mediators for insurance coverage, ERISA, and bad faith. Doug's skills are highly respected by both sides of the bar, as evidenced by the glowing recommendations he receives from plaintiff attorneys and defense attorneys alike. One attorney commented, "he makes both sides feel like winners - prodigious people skills, superb powers of persuasion, uncommon common sense, and keen insight into the thinking of plaintiffs and defendants alike." Another attorney said, "He's a direct, fair, and honest guy, and a quick study and deep thinker - he gets it."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Mediator, Judicate West (2011-Present)
- deVries Law Firm (2003-2011)
- Partner, Mart & deVries (1983 – 2003)
- Law Office of Douglas K. deVries, PC (1981-1983)
- Associate, Klein Law Offices (1976 – 1981)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (1976)
- M.A., Cal State Northridge (1973)
- B.A., University of California at Los Angeles (1967)
- Pepperdine Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (2011)
- Third District Court of Appeal, Dana Curtis Mediation Training (2012)
- U.S. District Court Mediator orientation training (2011)
- Selected Mediator/Arbitrator, Mansville Personal Injury Settlement Trust (federal)
- Experienced Kaiser Permanente Mandatory Arbitration Panelist
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Member
- American Arbitration Association, Former Member
- Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Fast Track Case Management, Former Member
- California State Bar Commission on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, Former Member

PRACTICE AREAS

Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith; Personal Injury; Products Liability; Professional Malpractice; Commercial; Employment

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Named "Top Lawyer" by Sacramento Magazine (2017)
- AV/Preeminent rating with Martindale Hubbell
- Frequent invited lecturer at legal seminars in California and throughout the country including the American Bar Association, American Conference Institute, National Business Institute, Rutter Group, Consumer Attorneys of California, CEB and the San Francisco and Sacramento Trial Lawyers Associations
- Authored numerous published legal articles and has been a contributing author to many more

**HOBBIES &
INTERESTS**

Aside from the law, Mr. deVries enjoys traveling, golfing and cooking.

LOCATIONS

Northern California, All of California