



# Edwin A. Oster, Esq.



*Results Beyond Dispute<sup>SM</sup>*

After 38 years in the courtroom, in 2014, Ed Oster switched gears and became a full-time mediator. As a trial lawyer, Ed handled complex insurance coverage, bad faith, commercial, and real estate litigation at the highest levels. He tried cases throughout all eleven major counties in Northern and Southern California, in both state and federal court. During that time he gained a lifetime of experience in all phases of civil litigation as well as an insider's knowledge of the insurance industry, all the while earning the trust and confidence of both co-counsel and adversaries who are now amongst his biggest supporters. Ed passionately believes that the best settlements are those where everyone has achieved value, and that is what he delivers. His skill as a mediator springs from his natural ability to develop genuine relationships built on mutual respect. A top plaintiff's lawyer in Los Angeles says simply, "Extremely smart. Tough. Fair." A New York partner in a national defense firm observed: "He established almost instant rapport all around, and painlessly got the job done for all of us." A frequent mediation participant put it this way: "If you could go into a laboratory and put together in one person everything you want in a mediator - experience, integrity, intelligence, creativity, and personality - you would have Ed Oster."

## LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2015-Present)
- Partner, Barger & Wolen, specializing in insurance and commercial cases (1990-2013)
- Partner, Cummins & White (1988-1990)
- Partner, Kranz & Oster, subsequently Oster, Schubert & Rutten (1983-1988)
- Partner, Bruck, Kranz & Perry (1980-1983)
- Associate, Cummins, White & Breidenbach, Breidenbach et al (1976-1980)
- Court-appointed arbitrator, Orange County Superior Court
- Judge Pro Tem, Orange County Superior Court

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Stanford University, B.A., (1972)
- University of California at Davis, King Hall, J.D. (1976)
- Pepperdine School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, "Mediating the Litigated Case" (6-day, 2013)
- Negotiation Institute, Advanced Negotiations for Complex Litigation (2-day, 1988)
- Orange County Superior Court, Mediation Panel
- Orange County Bar Association, Member
- State Bar of California, Member
- Southern California Mediation Association, Member

## PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial; Contractual Healthcare; ERISA; Insurance Bad Faith; Insurance Coverage; Partnership Disputes; Personal Injury; Professional Liability

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- College of Claims Mediation, Instructor, Philadelphia, PA (2015-2020)
- American Conference Institute, "Alternative Dispute Resolution and Bad Faith Claims", San Francisco, (July 2014)
- California State Bar Approved MCLE Provider, "Practice Tips for Better Mediation Results: What Works and Why"

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Mr. Oster spends as much of his spare time as he can with family, is an avid hiker and amateur astronomer, He enjoys reading history, Mark Twain and Sherlock Holmes.

## LOCATIONS

Orange County, Nationwide