



Gary N. Donovan, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Since 2007, Gary has been a full-time neutral and has successfully mediated over 4,500 civil matters. During his more than 25 years as a trial lawyer, Mr. Donovan represented both defendants and plaintiffs in all types of civil matters. Since the early 1990s, he has served as a mediator, arbitrator, and Temporary Judge for both the Orange County Superior Court and Riverside County Superior Court. It was during that time he discovered his passion for meditating. Subsequently, to make a full-time ADR commitment, Mr. Donovan underwent intensive training from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University. As a mediator, he is a very effective communicator and is resourceful and persistent in striving to resolve each case. Those qualities are the reasons why both plaintiff and defense attorneys often select him. One attorney commented, "Gary did a great job bringing many parties together on a mutually beneficial settlement. I look forward to working with him again in the future."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Judicate West (2007-Present)
- Mediator, TLC Resolutions (2002-Present)
- Mediator, Riverside County Bar Dispute Resolution Service (2001-2014)
- Temporary Judge, Riverside County Superior Court (2001-2007)
- Arbitrator and Temporary Judge, Orange County Superior Court (1992-2007)
- Partner, Donovan & Draheim (1994-2007)
- Partner, Donovan & Quilligan (1987-1994)
- Associate, Wood, Ward & Garnett (1983-1987)
- Associate, Thomas & Price (1981-1983)
- Hill, Genson, Even, Crandall & Wade (1978-1981)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J. D., Southwestern University School of Law (1981)
- B.A., Economics, Fordham University, Bronx, New York (1977)
- Pepperdine University, School of Law - Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, "Mediating the Litigated Case" (2001)
- Orange County Trial Lawyers Association (OCTLA), Affiliate Member (2008-Present)
- Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles (CAALA) (2001-Present)
- California Real Estate Broker (1998)
- F.A.A. Licensed Private Pilot (1991)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (1988-Present)
- Orange County and Riverside Bar Associations, Member

PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation; Business Contractual; Construction Defect; Employment; Homeowner's Disputes; Premises Liability; Products Liability; Real Property; Vehicle Liability

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Mr. Donovan has been an AV-rated attorney listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register since 1989.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Gary enjoys hockey, motorcycles, drums, skiing, boats and airplanes.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, All of California