



Peter J. Searle, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Since April 2000, Peter Searle has dedicated his career to being a full-time ADR professional specializing in mediation. During this time he has been honored as the top Volunteer Mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court, where he established working relations with all types of litigants and became one of their top choices for a Private Mediator. Mr. Searle is widely recognized for his talent as a creative problem solver, and for his passion to get proactively involved with all the facts and circumstances of each matter. He has the intellect to quickly identify and evaluate the legal and interpersonal intricacies and to help focus the parties on resolution. Attorneys have described him as sharp, intuitive, and possessing a strong leadership quality that imparts confidence that the matter can, and will reach resolution. He is an attentive listener and one who believes in direct and open communication as the best method to fashion creative and practical solutions. One trial lawyer commented, "When the mediation didn't settle at the hearing, my client was disappointed. However, Peter stuck with it and called everyone consistently and because of it, the case was finally resolved! I will use him on any case; he was great!"

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Neutral, Judicate West (2003-Present)
- Full-Time Mediator (2000-Present)
- Vice President and Claim Manager; CNA Insurance (1996-00)
- Litigation Attorney, Chase, Rotchford, Drukker & Bogust representing both plaintiff and defense in all types of civil litigation matters (1986-96)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Southwestern School of Law (1986)
- B.A. Political Science, California State University, Fullerton (1983)
- Pepperdine University, School of Law - Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Certified Mediator
- International and Cross-Cultural mediation training
- Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside County Courts, Mediator and Arbitrator
- Construction Defect Claims Manager Association, Founder and Past President
- American Bar Association, Member (1991-Present)
- Los Angeles Bar Association, Member (1988-Present)
- Orange County Bar Association, Member (1997-Present)
- Southern California Mediation Association, Member (1999-Present)
- Riverside County Bar Association, Member (1999-Present)

PRACTICE AREAS

All types of Insurance matters including Bad Faith/Complex Coverage Disputes; Business/Contractual; Construction/Defect and Mold; Personal Injury/Wrongful Death; Professional Malpractice

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Named as one of Southern California's "Super Lawyers" each year from 2015 through 2018, in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Mr. Searle has been the recipient of numerous awards including the 2002 Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) Achievement Award for Judicial Mediator/Arbitrator.
- He was selected as a Top Neutral in California by the Daily Journal every year since 2009.
- Additionally, he has written many articles regarding construction defect litigation and ADR related topics that were published in the Daily Journal and other legal publications.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

In Mr. Searle's spare time, he enjoys his five children, running, cooking, tennis, baseball, skiing and brewing his own beer.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, All of California