



# Robert Jacobs, Esq.



With a legal career encompassing over three decades of combined legal experience in mediation, settlement, and litigation, Robert Jacobs brings his wealth of experience to Judicate West as a neutral. As a successful litigator for 30 years, he represented individuals and companies in civil litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants. Robert developed the ability to quickly identify the 'tipping points' of a case - those key factual and legal issues on which cases turn. After becoming a skilled expert in resolving matters through litigation and trial, he gained valuable experience in achieving resolution through mediation and negotiation. Robert has privately mediated and arbitrated all types of matters for the past six years in a variety of civil disputes. In addition to his impressive track record of settling cases, Robert is admired for his passion for ADR and dedication to the legal community. He has served as Chair of the ADR Section of the Contra Costa County Bar Association (2020) and Co-Chair of the ADR Section of the Alameda County Bar Association (2020). He also serves as a court-appointed mediator for several Bay Area counties.

## LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2023-Present)
- Associate Area Legal Counsel, Africa West Area (consisting of 17 West African Nations), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (2022-2023)
- Mediator/Arbitrator, Robert Jacobs (2016-2022)
- Mediator, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District (2020-2023)
- Settlement Mentor, Contra Costa County Superior Court, Settlement Mentor Program (2020-2023)
- Attorney, Law Office of Robert B. Jacobs (1995-2022)
- Judge Pro Tem, Contra Costa County Superior Court (1994-1997)
- Attorney, Morgan, Miller and Blair (1991-1995)
- Attorney, Boornazian, Jensen and Garthe (1989-1991)
- Attorney, Burnhill, Morehouse, Burford, Schofield and Schiller (1988-1989)
- Attorney, Salisch & Salisch (1987-1988)

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School (1987)
- B.A., Brigham Young University, cum laude (1984)
- Member, The Mediation Society of San Francisco (2024 – present)
- Faculty training from Harvard Law School, Program on Negotiation (PON), advanced mediation skills training (March 2024)
- Advanced Mediation Skills Training, National Conflict Resolution Center, Sacramento (2021)
- Mediator Training Course, California Lawyer for the Arts (2017); Served on its mediation panel (2017-2023)
- Certificate in Mediation Skills Training, Northwest University (2016)
- Certificate in Arbitrator Training, Bar Association of San Francisco (2016); Served on its mediation panel (2017-2022)
- Mediator Training Course, California Association of Realtors (2015); Served on its mediation panel (2017-2021)
- Chair, Contra Costa County Bar Association ADR Section (2020); Director (2021)
- Co-Chair, Alameda County Bar Association ADR Executive Committee (2020); Member (2018-2020)
- President, Tri-Valley Estate Planning Council (2017-2018); Director (2016-2019)
- Director, Eastern Alameda County Bar Association (1995-1996)

## PRACTICE AREAS

Business/Contractual; Construction; Employment; Insurance; Personal Injury including Wrongful Death; Probate/Trust & Estates; Professional Malpractice, including Medical and

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

Dental Malpractice; Real Estate

- AV Peer Review Rated Martindale-Hubbell (2002-Present)
- Designated Super Lawyer by Thomas Reuters (2014-2016, 2020-2023)
- Charter Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (2017)
- Authored articles in numerous publications including the Daily Journal, Contra Costa County Lawyer Magazine, and CEB (Continuing Education of the Bar)

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Reading, the outdoors, listening to classical music and jazz, watching art films, and finding first-class restaurants to dine at.

## LOCATIONS

Northern California, All of California