



## Robert M. Tessier, Esq.



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

Bob Tessier is one of the most sought-after mediators in California, known for his expertise, determination, and ability to resolve disputes. Since joining Judicate West in 2008, he has mediated approximately 5,000 litigated cases in a wide array of tort matters, including catastrophic injury and high-profile claims. With expertise in traumatic orthopedic, brain and neurologic injuries, as well as workers' compensation and medical lien issues, Bob has earned respect from all sides for his persistence and skill in achieving successful settlements. Admitted to practice law in 1986 and AV-rated for many years, Bob's legal career included representing both plaintiffs and defendants in general negligence, real estate, and product defect claims, as well as handling cases involving general and product liability, motor vehicle, and jobsite and construction injury litigation. This background gives him a unique and practical perspective as a mediator, enabling him to understand and address the needs of all parties while creating a comfortable, trustworthy and relatable environment. Attorneys speak highly of his mediation approach, with one stating, "Bob is extremely knowledgeable about the litigation process and is dead on in his analysis of cases. He has a wonderful way with people and uses his skills to cut to the heart of the case, while at the same time giving everyone their say." Another client put it simply: "He's a closer."

### LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Judicate West (2008-Present)
- Faculty, Institute for Conflict Management, Mediating the Litigated Case (2005-2010)
- Robert M. Tessier, P.C. (1997-2006)
- Partner, Rowell & Tessier, A Law Corporation (1992-1997)
- Associate, Paul & Stuart (1991-1992)
- Associate, R. Edward Pfiester, A Law Corporation (1990-1991)
- Associate, Greene, O'Reilly, Broillet, Paul, Simon & Wheeler (1988-1990)
- Associate, Murchison & Cumming (1986-1988)

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, *cum laude* (1986);
- B.A., Loyola Marymount University (1983)
- Department of Real Estate, Real Estate Broker (2005)
- Pepperdine University, School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Mediation Training; Specialized Mediation- Law, Faith and Peacemaking
- Superlawyer (2014-Present)
- Daily Journal Top 50 Neutrals State of California (2011, 2013)
- International Academy of Mediators, Distinguished Fellow

### PRACTICE AREAS

All types of Personal Injury including Serious and Complex; Construction Defect and Jobsite Injury Claims; Governmental Liability; Product Liability; Tort Claims involving Insurance Bad Faith and Coverage Issues

### ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Named by Los Angeles Magazine as one of California's "Super Lawyers", each year from 2014 through 2018, in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Published numerous articles in the field of mediation for the various bar associations, publications and Pepperdine Law Review, including: "What Goldilocks and the Three Bears Can Teach Us About Mediation," (CAOC Advocate 2014), "The Top Ten Ways Notto Settle Your Personal-Injury Case at Mediation" (Plaintiff Magazine 2021), "The Case for Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Business Disputes," "How to Achieve Optimum Results at Mediation," "Mediating an Auto Case: Steps to Success & Mistakes to Avoid in Mediating an Auto Case," "Making Effective Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution for Small Businesses," and "The Settlement Game in the Ballpark that Tech-Bilt."

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Presented at numerous speaking engagements including: "Practical Tips for Success at Mediation," Reykjavik, Iceland (2017), "Micro-Interventions for Unexpected Calamities, International Academy of Mediators," Auckland, New Zealand (2016), "Let's Make a Deal—Strategies for Resolving Personal Injury Claims," SCMA (2012), "The Do's and Don'ts of Mediation" LACBA (2009), "Ethics in the Small Office" (2008), "Workers Compensation and Governmental Liens" (2008), "Governmental Liens, Statutory Liens & ERISA" (2007), "Mediating the Litigated Case" (2006), "The Prisoner's Dilemma" (2006), "Seduction in the Art of Mediation" (2006) and co-instructed numerous advanced mediation training courses in addition to guest lecturing at various courses at Pepperdine over the years.

His personal life involves his love of music-as he continues to moonlight in various bands-and classic automobile restoration. Charitable work includes being a current board member and officer of the JW Foundation, and Honorary board member of the Los Angeles Trial Lawyer Charities.

## LOCATIONS

Orange County