



Hon. Russell Bostrom, Ret.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

Judge Bostrom retired from the bench in 1990. After teaching evidence and tort law for 3 years, he entered into the Dispute Resolution Profession. Since that time Judge Bostrom has become one of the most requested mediators in the state. For the first 12 years as a neutral, he was selected by many as an arbitrator. Known for his clear analytical mind, detailed decision-writing skills, and easygoing personality, he has presided over 2,500 binding arbitrations. Since 2002, he has dedicated his practice to mediation and has successfully mediated over 6,500 complex and challenging cases in every area of civil litigation. Many attorneys have commented on the range of qualities that make Judge Bostrom a consistently effective mediator. Some attorneys said it is his breadth of trial experience, as he has tried over 80 jury trials to verdict, on behalf of both Defendants and Plaintiffs. Others say his years as a trial judge give him greater credibility with their clients. Many claim his sense of timing and persistent energy account for his remarkable success. All agreed his knowledge of the law, coupled with an unerring sense of fairness and an intuitive sense of people, makes him one of the most effective and sought-after mediators in the industry.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (1993-Present)
- Associate Professor of Law, Evidence, Irvine, CA (1991-1993)
- Judge, Harbor Municipal Court (1983-90; Presiding Judge, (1987-1988)
- Superior Court, Orange County, Civil Law & Motion Department on Assignment by California Supreme Court (1983-1984)
- Partner, Bostrom & Hobart, Specializing in Litigation, Irvine, CA (1976-1983)
- Deputy Public Defender, County of Orange, CA (1974-1976)
- Deputy City Attorney, City of Anaheim, CA (1973-1974)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Loyola University School of Law (1972)
- B.S., Economics, University of Maryland (1968)
- Judicial College, Berkeley, California (1983)
- Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (1997-Present)
- Southern California Mediation Society, Charter Member (1993-Present)
- Pepperdine Law School, Mediation Training (1992)
- American Arbitration Association, Commercial Panel (1992)
- California Women Lawyers, Lifetime Member (1989-Present)
- California Judges Association (1983-Present)
- Newport Harbor Bar Association, President (1978-79)

PRACTICE AREAS

All types of Personal Injury including Catastrophic Injury/Wrongful Death; Class Action/Mass Tort; Complex Commercial; Construction/H.O.A.; Employment/Labor; Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith; Products Liability

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Named one of 40 "Champions of ADR," by The National Law Journal (2018)
- Named by The Daily Journal as one of a select few designated as a "Master Mediator"
- Judge Bostrom was chosen as one of Daily Journal's Top Neutral every year since its inception in 2002.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

In his spare time, he is an avid Aviation enthusiast, pilot and aircraft owner.

LOCATIONS

Los Angeles