



Susan G. Feder, Esq.



Susan has been a full-time mediator since 2010. She uses insight and intuition to bring a fresh and creative approach to reaching settlement. Before becoming a mediator, Susan was a business litigator with an international law firm, practicing in-house as litigation counsel for a large national bank, and since 1985, has closely followed personal injury cases of all types. Susan has a natural ability to read people and can skillfully uncover the real issues fueling the dispute and redirect the parties toward settlement. She is bright, tenacious, and hardworking, and has mastered the art of follow-up to achieve resolution. One attorney commented that her "expertise, intelligence, humor, and commitment were the key to bringing both sides together in what seemed like an impossible feat." Susan guides the negotiation with empathy and exhibits genuine care and concern for the embattled parties. When not mediating privately, Susan assists the burdened Court system by settling cases of all types and works with schools and parents to resolve educational conflicts.

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-Time Neutral, Judicate West (2015-Present)
- Full-Time Mediator, Mediation Office of Susan G. Feder (2010-Present)
- Settlement Conference Officer, San Francisco Superior Court (2012-Present)
- Settlement Panelist; Marin County Superior Court (2010 to Present)
- Banking Litigation Attorney; Bank of America Legal Department, San Francisco (1981-1986)
- Commercial Litigation Attorney, Paul Hastings (Formerly Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker); Los Angeles (1979-1981)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., Hastings College of Law (1979)
- B.A., Magna Cum Laude, University of California, Los Angeles (1976)
- University of Paris; Sorbonne' (1975-1976)
- Marin County Bar Association, President (2020)
- American Bar Association, Member (2012-Present)
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Member (2012-Present)
- Marin County Bar Association, Board of Director's Secretary (2018)
- Marin County Bar Association, Chair of ADR Section (2017)
- The Mediation Society, Board of Directors Member (2018)
- California Women Lawyers, Member (2012 - Present)
- Marin Women Lawyers, Member (2012 - Present)
- Richard M. Sangster Inn of Court, Member (2014 - Present)
- Youth in Arts, Marin; Board of Directors, Member (2005 - 2017)
- Marin County Bar Association (MCBA), Secretary, Board of Directors (2018)
- Board Member, The Mediation Society (2018)
- ADR Section of MCBA, President (2017-2018)

PRACTICE AREAS

Banking/Lending; Business/Commercial; Construction Defect; Employment; Medical Malpractice; Partnership Dissolution; Personal Injury; Real Estate

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Association of Defense Counsel of No. Calif. and Nevada; presented on Expert Witness Testimony in Deposition and Trial.
- Marin County Bar Assn: Presentation, Nov. 2017: "Getting the Most From Your Mediation; Tips from the Experts"
- CAOC Annual Meeting: "The View from the Middle; A Mediator's Perspective"
- CAOC Winter Seminar: "What Every Trial Lawyer Can Learn from a Mediator"
- Guest Lecturer in Mediation; USF Law School (2013-2017)
- Presenter, ADC Boot Camp, Expert Witness Testimony (2017)
- MCBA CLE Fair, Presenter: How to Get the Most From Your Mediation (2017)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

LOCATIONS

- Association of Defense Counsel (ADC), Training: Expert Testimony (2017)
- Moderator, Marin County Bar Association Presentation on Gender Inequality Issues (2018)
- Marin County Bar Association, "Getting the Most From Your Mediation" (2017)
- Bar Association of San Francisco, "Getting the Most From Your Mediation" (2018)
- SFTLA: "Top Ten Tips for Mediation Advocacy" (2018)

A mother of three, Susan is an enthusiastic cyclist, hiker, water skier, boater, linguist and traveler. She is also fluent in French and proficient in Spanish.

Northern California, All of California