



Thomas Oesterreich, Esq.



Results Beyond DisputeSM

With over 35 years of combined experience, having participated in approximately 2,500 mediations and arbitrations as both an advocate and neutral, Mr. Oesterreich's passion for the ADR process has led him to dedicate his practice to full-time neutral work. He represented both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of personal injury matters, including wrongful death, premises liability, product liability, including lemon law, and transportation/motor vehicle. His experience also includes business litigation and a wide variety of professional malpractice matters. He has also represented Fortune 100 corporations, small businesses, and business executives in breach of contract, trade secrets, employment, and partnership dissolution matters. Additionally, for more than 20 years, Mr. Oesterreich has volunteered as both an arbitrator and mediator for the Los Angeles County, Orange County, and Riverside County superior courts. He is a member of the Orange County Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Coupled with his high energy, Tom works extremely hard, and his personal style is one that is outgoing and incredibly engaging. One client commented, "Tom was instrumental in bridging the communication and understanding gap between the parties. His dedication to the mediation process allowed for the parties to reach resolution as he saw the case to completion."

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE

- Full-time Neutral, Judicate West (2021-Present)
- Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP (2000-2021)
- Settlement Officer, Orange County Superior Court (2018-2021)
- Associate, Lynberg & Watkins (1996-2000)
- Associate, Nyman, Johnson & Maguire (1990-1996)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center (1986)
- B.B.A. Loyola Marymount University (1983)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Member (2020-Present)
- Southern California Mediation Association, Member (Present)
- Orange County Bar Association, Masters Lawyers Division, and Alternative Dispute Resolution section, Member (Present)
- "Mediating the Litigated Case", Pepperdine Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (2018)
- Orange County Superior Court Pro Tem Program (2018)

PRACTICE AREAS

All types of Personal Injury; Business/Contractual; Construction Defect; Employment; Lemon Law; Professional Negligence

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Tom enjoys time at the beach, traveling, wine tasting, golf, and Dodgers baseball.

LOCATIONS

Orange County, All of California