

# Mediator Statement of Robert M. Cohen

## Summary

*Robert M. Cohen is a passionate, creative, earnest and practical mediator. Possessing excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to rapidly build trust, his settlement rate is superior. Cohen is known for his ability to bring closure to contentious, personality-driven disputes.*

*Cohen first became involved as a mediator in the early 90s with the initial Los Angeles Superior Court program and since that time has mediated hundreds of matters as a mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court, for Alternative Dispute Resolution Services, and has participated in over 750 mediations involving litigation matters as mediation advocate.*

## ADR/Mediation Areas of Expertise

**Personal Injury Claims:** *Mr. Cohen has mediated catastrophic injury claims involving automobiles, bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, trucks, buses, taxis, pedestrians, driving under the influence, wrongful death and UM/UIM claims. He has also dealt with claims for slip/trip/falls, public property/sidewalk defects, residential/premises defects, dog bites and dangerous condition claims dealing with elevators, escalators and construction site accidents.*

**Business Disputes:** *Mr. Cohen has successfully resolved hundreds of commercial leasing, landlord-tenant and habitability disputes; HOA claims, commercial evictions, real property, boundary, tree line and easement disputes, trespass/nuisance, mechanics lien/construction, partnership, family corporation, breach of contract and domestic/international commercial collection claims.*

## Legal Experience

*During his 40+ year career, Mr. Cohen has been a member of two Beverly Hills law firms and has handled a wide variety of litigation matters, litigating numerous personal injury claims, HOA disputes, elder abuse claims, leasing, habitability and landlord-tenant disputes, business, partnership and contract disputes and commercial collection matters both involving domestic and international companies. During that time, Cohen has tried more than 100 bench, arbitration and jury trials and has been involved in over 1500 disputed matters.*

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Mediator/Arbitrator for Alternative Resolution Centers (ARC) since 2020
- Member of State Bar Associations of California and New York
- Member of Beverly Hills Bar Association and Co-Chair Mediation Section
- Member of Board of Directors of the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation
- Past President of West Los Angeles Homeowners Association
- Published mediation articles in the Los Angeles Daily Journal about best mediation practices including:
  - “Winning at Mediation: Reality or Oxymoron?”
  - “Exchanging Mediation Briefs: The Simplest Path to Success”
  - “The Importance of Trust Building in Mediation”
- Published article in the San Francisco Recorder entitled “California Needs Stronger Laws for Home Owner Association Dispute Resolution”
- Awarded the Martindale-Hubbell AV rating since 2000 and also awarded the Judicial AV Preeminent Rating by Martin-Hubbell

## **Dispute Resolution Training**

- Los Angeles Superior Court Initial Mediation Training Program, 1994
- Mediator Training Program, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, 2004, entitled “Mediating the Litigated Matter” conducted by Jeffrey Krivis, Esq.
- Los Angeles County Bar Association Advanced Divorce Mediation Training Program, 2005, conducted by Forrest Mosten, Esq.

## **Education/Degrees**

- J.D., Loyola University of Law, 1976
- A.B. Cum Laude, UCLA, 1973