

MYER SANKARY

President, Founder and Managing Director of the Mediation Center of Los Angeles

Mr. Sankary's career in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is extensive, starting with family law mediation as early as 1985. Based upon his research, training, and experience, Mr. Sankary is well known in the mediation community for his teaching and articles on the application of social and cognitive science in mediation.

ADR/Mediation Experience

- Mediator/Arbitrator, Los Angeles Superior Court since 1997 and Probate Court Panel of Settlement Officers
- Served on the Los Angeles Superior Court ADR Executive Committee from 2003 until 2013
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association Court Preferred Panel of Mediators & Mentors Arbitrator
- Kaiser Permanente Arbitration Panel
- Panel member with ADR Services, Inc. from 2008 until 2016
- Sole Proprietor, Advanced Mediation and Arbitration Services, Independent Mediator/ Arbitrator – since 1996

Focused on Business, Commercial, Probate, Trust and Estates, Family Disputes and Torts

Legal Experience

Mr. Sankary has practiced law as a litigator and transactional attorney in Los Angeles since 1966 in diverse areas which include both extensive business transactions and litigation matters. He has the highest AV peer ratings by judges and lawyers from Martindale & Hubbell for both ethics and competency. He has been designated a Super Lawyer since 2010. And has an AVVO rating on 9+. He also serves as a private and court appointed trustee and conservator.

Professional Affiliations

- Past President, Southern California Mediation Association
- Chairman of San Fernando Valley Bar Association Mandatory Fee Arbitration committee
- Former member of State Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee
- Former member ADR Committee of State Bar of California
- Dispute Resolution Services
- Member of Probate, Trusts and Estate Sections of San Fernando Valley Bar, and State Bar of California
- Former member L.A. Consumer Lawyers Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Past member of the board of directors of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association; and member of State Bar of California (since 1966)

- Former Chairman of the Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of California
- Founding member of the non-profit organization for mediating elder adult issues – Adult Resolution and Mediation Services
- Trainer for ARMS at first program focusing on elder adult issues
- President and founder of The Mediation Center of Los Angeles, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization since 2013.

Dispute Resolution Training and Teaching

- Pepperdine Law School Mediating the Litigated Case, Straus Institute
- Pepperdine Law School Mediation Masters Forum, Straus Institute
- Pepperdine Law School, Negotiating Techniques in Mediation, Professor Randy Lowry
- Civil and Probate Mediation Training, by James C. Melamed, J. D., Mediation Center, Inc.
- Mediation Workshop at School For Peace, at Latrun, Israel
- Difficult Parties and Cross-cultural Issues in Mediation Cases, State Bar of California

Mediation Training Courses Given by Mr. Sankary

- Lecturer, University of Southern California, Marshall Graduate School of Business, Negotiation Strategies–Mediating the Litigated Case since 2005.
- S. Department of Justice, Southern District of California, Use of Mediation
- LA City Attorney’s Office – Teaching the Social Science of Persuasion and Influence
- Mediating Probate Disputes, San Fernando Valley Bar
- Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession and Society
- Lecturer, State Bar of California, and author of “Mediation- How to Negotiate the Best Deal for Your Client”
- Started Online Dispute Resolution services using Zoom in 2018.
- Trained over 30 mediators to use Zoom for mediations.
- Certified Presenter of the Cialdini’s Principles of Persuasion Workshop

Education

- Straus Institute, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, Multiple Dispute Resolution Training programs from 1996 to present
- Harvard Law School, J.D., Cambridge, Mass., class of 1965, [Admitted in State Bar of California in 1966]
- Texas Christian University, BA, Philosophy, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1962 [summa cum laude]
- Trained and Certified by Professor Robert Cialdini at Arizona State to present the Cialdini Principles of Persuasion Workshop based on the Social Science of Influence. [2006]

Organizations

- Mr. Sankary is the President and founder of the Mediation Center of Los Angeles, a charitable non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public about the benefits of resolving disputes through mediation and to reduce the burden on the courts by offering affordable reduced fee mediations to all civil litigants. The Los Angeles Superior Court has selected the Mediation Center of Los Angeles as one of only three Vendor Resources to offer affordable mediation with highly qualified lawyer-mediators.
- Member, State Bar of California, since 1966
- Member, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, since 1996
- Provisors National Network of Professionals, member since 2000.