

SCOTT BERMAN, J.D.

Fees: First 3 hours \$450 TOTAL (split between the two sides), then \$390 per hour
Cancellation Policy: 3 business days

Specializing In:

All Real Estate Matters with Emphasis on Unlawful Detainers

Family Law Mediation

Over 1,200 mediations conducted

I am adept at dealing with eccentric personalities and unusual requests. I assist to attorneys settle cases using a firm, evaluative style and subject matter expertise. My therapist-like approach creates a comfortable environment for the client. I have the ability to connect and empathize with each disputant without taking sides. Please contact me with any special needs.

REAL ESTATE MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

I have settled disputes involving Unlawful Detainers (evictions) including Covid-19 requirements, residential and commercial landlord-tenant matters, implied warranty of habitability, leases, earnest money, non-disclosures and costs of repairs due to misrepresentation about the condition of the property, partition actions/joint ownership, purchase and sale agreements, broker liability, broker commissions (procuring cause), foreclosures, specific performance, title issues, lien and easement, eminent domain/condemnation, adverse possession, mechanics lien claims, ADA, property management agreements, real estate fraud and homeowner's association (HOA). Over 1,200 cases successfully mediated with a 90% settlement rate.

FAMILY LAW MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Creative solutions to divorce issues including disposition of the family home, drafting marital settlement agreements, child support (including fluctuating incomes), short and long-term spousal support, palimony, spousal support buyouts, child custody and visitation agreements (putting the children first), parenting plans that best suit the family, division of real and personal property, pensions. Also effective at working with LGBTQ and non-binary (they/them) individuals.

I create a safe space for partners to work out difficult issues, so they do not have to "go it alone" without expert guidance. Empathetic and non-judgmental approach to guiding both partners navigate the painful divorce process. Effective at minimizing the hostility and the emotional cost to parents and children, which can last long into a child's adult life.

Ability to collaborate with both partners together in one room (physically or virtually) or with each in separate rooms. As a Mediator, I stop the fighting and bickering and enable the parties to avoid the high cost of litigation. A mediator holds the parties' pain, sees the reality from each person's perspective, and assists the parties make decisions that will help release them from the stalemate in which they find themselves. The goal

is to create an agreement and plan of action that is acceptable to both spouses to achieve relief from emotional stress.

Currently pursuing a master's degree in Marriage & Family Therapy and a Family Therapy (LMFT) license.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

ABA Arbitration Training Institute, 2011, "6th Annual Comprehensive Training in Commercial Arbitration"

Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, 2005, "Mediating the Litigated Case"

Juris Doctor, 1983, Lincoln Law School, Sacramento

Licensed California Real Estate Broker, 1978

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Real Estate, 1977, (cum laude), California State University, Northridge

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

USC, Gould School of Law

Unlawful Detainer Mediation Clinic: Guest Lecturer 2017 to Present

Family Law Mediation Clinic: Guest Lecturer 2017 to Present

Pepperdine, Caruso School of Law

Unlawful Detainer Guest Lecturer: 2020 to Present

SCMA (Southern California Mediation Association)

Mentorship Program – Mentor to New Mediators: 2014 to Present

Speaker: Nuts & Bolts of Landlord-Tenant Law: (SCMA) Annual Conference, November 2012

Speaker: Landlord Tenant Cases – Tips from the Trenches (SCMA) Annual Conference, November 2012

Speaker: Mediating Landlord-Tenant Cases, "Legal-Ease for Mediators," Los Angeles County Bar Association/Southern Calif. Mediation Association, 2010.

AFFILIATIONS

Member, State Bar of California Committee on Alternate Dispute Resolution (2012 to 2015)

Member, Board of Directors, Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA) Education Foundation (2013 to 2016) and Southern California Mediation Association (2009 to 2012)

Panel Mediator, Los Angeles Superior Court Resource Vendor for Mediation Services, Mediation Center of Los Angeles ("MCLA") (2014 to Present)

Panel Mediator, California Association of Realtors ("CAR") Mediation Center (2019 to Present)

Panel Mediator, Superior Court of California, County of Ventura (2006 to Present)

Panel Mediator, Bankruptcy Mediation Panel, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, (2011 to Present)

Panel Mediator, Los Angeles Superior Court Mediation Program, California Academy of Mediation Professionals ("CAMP") (2008 to 2016)

Party-Select Panel Mediator, California Lawyers for the Arts (2009 to present)

Family Law Mediator, CFR Mediation Services (CFR) (2008 to 2014)

Settlement Officer, Glendale Superior Court CRASH ADR Settlement Program (2009 to 2010)
Panel Mediator/Arbitrator, Center Conflict Resolution (CRI/formerly VCDS) (2006-Present)