



MCLA Mediation Center
of Los Angeles
Building Community Through Mediation

THE POWER OF MEDIATION: BUILDING BRIDGES

Sponsorship Opportunities

February 27, 2025 at Porter Valley Country Club

ABOUT US

The Mediation Center of Los Angeles is a respected 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality mediation services at an affordable rate.

We aim to empower communities through exceptional client relations and timely case handling. At MCLA, we understand the critical importance of effective communication and personalized service in dispute resolution.

Our experienced mediators facilitate resolutions efficiently, enabling individuals and organizations to move forward without the delays often associated with traditional legal processes.



OUR TEAM



Myer J. Sankary
Founder & President



Bennett Root
Executive Director



Devin Tucker
Director of Outreach and
Engagement



Crystal Martinez
Director of Programs

We serve a diverse population bringing affordable and quality access to justice for all of California.

OUR PROGRAMS

Mediation has been proven to be a successful process for resolving litigated disputes that benefit all parties as well as the Courts. MCLA works with independent mediators who have been carefully selected and exceed the highest standards in the field.

LASC Referral Program

- LASC refers cases directly to MCLA for mediation. Cases must have a Notice of Referral.
- Services are offered at reduced or no cost.
- Mediators are Zoom trained.

Vendor Resource Program

- Selected by the Los Angeles Superior Court as a Resource Vendor for Civil Mediations since 2018.
- Enables cases to be assigned to a mediator and scheduled quickly and efficiently than other programs.

Unlawful Detainer – Landlord/Tenant Program (UDLT)

- MCLA helps landlords and tenants resolve disputes, allowing them to save on legal expenses and avoid delays.
- Mediators assist with evictions, rent disputes, roommate conflicts, HOA disputes, and more.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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What: Dinner celebrating MCLA's work.

Where: Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Dr
Northridge, CA 91326

When: February 27, 2025

- 6:00pm – Reception
- 7:00pm – Dinner
- 7:30pm – Program

Keynote Speaker: Presiding Judge Samantha P. Jessner, Los Angeles County Superior Court

Special Honorees:

- **Founder's Award:** Myer J. Sankary, Founder & President of Mediation Center of Los Angeles
- **Patron Award:** Enrique G. Koenig, Member, Board of Directors

HON. SAMANTHA P. JESSNER

FORMER PRESIDING JUDGE, LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Judge Jessner was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2007. She is the immediate past Presiding Judge of the Court. She previously served as the Assistant Presiding Judge, Supervising Judge of the Civil Division, the Assistant Supervising Judge of the Civil Division, and the Supervising Judge of the Mental Health Courthouse. She also served in the Criminal Division.

Judge Jessner serves on the Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions (“CJEO”) and the Executive Committee of CJEO. She also is a member of the Information Technology Advisory Committee and the Civil and Small Claims Committee of the Judicial Council. Judge Jessner is a New Judge Orientation Instructor for CJER. She is also an instructor for CJER’s ethics curriculum and has served on the Qualifying Ethics Work Group that develops and designs ethics curriculum. In addition, Judge Jessner teaches the Civil Law Update and Basic Civil Law Overview seminars for the Rutter Group.

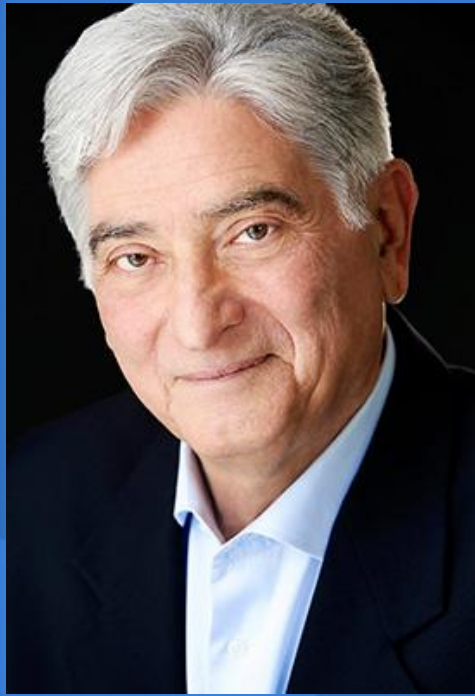
[Click here to read Judge Jessner’s full bio.](#)



MYER J. SANKARY

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

FOUNDER'S AWARD



Myer J. Sankary has dedicated himself to educating the public on the benefits of mediation and providing affordable services to civil litigants. Under his leadership, MCLA has become a vital resource, recognized by the Los Angeles Superior Court as one of only three Vendor Resources for high-quality, reduced-fee mediation.

A member of the State Bar of California since 1966 and the San Fernando Valley Bar Association since 1996, Mr. Sankary has also been involved with the Provisors National Network of Professionals since 2000. Mr. Sankary's distinguished career in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) began in 1985 with family law mediation.

MCLA celebrates Mr. Sankary's retirement, reflecting on his numerous accomplishments and expressing our gratitude for his unwavering dedication to justice and community service. In the field, he is celebrated for integrating social and cognitive science into mediation practices, shaping the way conflicts are resolved.

ENRIQUE G. KOENIG

ERICH AND DELLA KOENIG FOUNDATION

Enrique has many years of experience as a mediator providing mediation services in the greater Los Angeles area. Early in his career, Enrique served the Los Angeles County Superior Court as a volunteer in the party-select program. Thereafter, Enrique developed his training and practice in the family arena. He was admitted to The Association for Conflict Resolution in 2014 as an Advanced Family Practitioner. He then became a certified advanced family practitioner member of The Academy of Professional Family Mediators. Enrique is also a mediation panel member of Southern California Family Mediation beginning in 2017, serving families within the child dependency system in Los Angeles. He also provides mediation services in adoption related conflicts. Family dependency and adoption cases are unique and very complex cases to mediate. They usually involve parties that are in high conflict situations that require specialized training and skills that can only be developed over time. Enrique obtained MC3-Certification in 2022. MC3 focuses on an individual's education, training and practicum exclusively within the area of mediation. In addition, Enrique has been inducted to AAAMediation.org as an affiliate member.

PATRON AWARD



DINNER COMMITTEE

Chair

Adam D.H. Grant, Esq., Grant | Shenon, APLC

Committee Members

Bennett Root, Executive Director, MCLA

Jeffrey Bases, Bases & Bases, APC

Stephanie Blondell, Professor of Law and Practice, Faculty Director, Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Caruso School of Law

Robert M. Cohen, Esq., Law Offices of Robert M. Cohen

Peter Robinson, Professor Emeritus, Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Caruso School of Law

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Friends of MCLA (Table of 10): \$1,750 per table

Individual Tickets: \$175 per person

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Please provide artwork as a PDF, PNG, JPG, or TIFF file in 4-color CMYK at 300dpi resolution. Submit your ad to crystal@mediationla.org by February 14, 2025.

If you need help creating your ad, our graphic designer can assist for an additional nominal fee.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Sponsorships, ads, tables, and tickets can be reserved by [clicking here](#).

For questions, please contact:

Crystal Martinez, crystal@mediationla.org

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We look forward to your participation and support!

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