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# 2nd Annual Dinner

Building a Culture of Peace and Community



*Keynote Speaker:*

Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia II

*Honorees:*

Hon. Huey P. Cotton and Kerry Bigornia.

February 26th, 2026 | City Club LA  
6:00pm Reception | 7:00pm Dinner

**Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities**



# Who We Are

*Affordable Access to Exceptional ADR*

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

Our mission is to educate the public about the value of alternative dispute resolution through workshops, outreach, and our ADR programs. MCLA empowers individuals and legal professionals to resolve disputes effectively, reducing the cost, time and stress of litigation.

All of our neutrals have extensive training and experience and exceed the highest professional standards.

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# Our Team

*Dedicated to expanding access to justice, our team leads mediation services, trainings, and community programs across California.*



**Myer Sankary**  
*Founder and President*



**Bennett Root**  
*Executive Director*



**Crystal Martinez**  
*Programs Director*



**Devin Tucker**  
*Outreach Director*

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# Our Reach

*A Cornerstone for Conflict Resolution*

Through our network of dedicated and experienced neutrals and staff we reach thousands of individuals each year – helping neighbors, families, businesses, law firms, and organizations resolve disputes peacefully and efficiently.

- Over 3,000 cases referred by the LASC
- Serving all of Southern California
- Several 2025 & 2026 outreach initiatives
- Providing educational workshops and mentoring programs

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# Our Programs

*Solutions Across California*

## LASC Referral Program

- Selected by the LASC as partner for Civil Unlimited Mediation.
- Services are offered at reduced cost.
- Mediators are Zoom trained.

## ADR Services

- Included on the LASC's Vendor Resource List since 2018.
- Includes our Unlawful Detainer-Landlord/Tenant ("UDLT") Program.

## C.A.R. Arbitration

- Low-cost, effective arbitration option for C.A.R. disputes.
- In collaboration with the CA Association of Realtors.



# MCLA Academy

*Mediation Through Education*

## **Mentorship Program**

- Providing shadowing and mentorship opportunities for experienced and non-experienced mediators
- Partnership with USC to provide mentoring

## **CLEs & 40hr Trainings**

- Free on-demand CLEs
- 40 hour certification training program curated to your specific area of expertise

## **Education & Outreach**

- Educating attorneys on the benefits of ADR
- Community outreach – educating the public about what mediation is.

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# Hon. Sergio Tapia

*Presiding Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court*

Presiding Judge Sergio C. Tapia was appointed to the bench in 2013 by Governor Jerry Brown and has since served as Presiding Judge (2025–present), Assistant Presiding Judge, and Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division. He has worked on numerous local and statewide committees focused on access, fairness, diversity, budget, and facilities, and helped establish the Court's Judicial Mentor Program.

Judge Tapia began his public service career with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles before serving as a Deputy Public Defender and Deputy Alternate Public Defender.



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*Honoree – Myer Sankary's Founder's Award*

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# Hon. Huey P. Cotton

*Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court*

Judge Huey P. Cotton serves on the Los Angeles Superior Court and was the first African American Supervising Judge for the Northwest District (2014–2020).

An Amherst College honors graduate with a J.D. from Temple University, he previously served as a Public Defender, worked with the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and was managing partner at Cozen O'Connor. Judge Cotton has presided in civil courts since 2012, contributed to numerous judicial committees, and is a founding member and past President of the Association of African American California Judicial Officers. He has received multiple Judge of the Year and Judicial Excellence awards.



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*Honoree - MCLA's Commitment to Resolution Award*

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# Kerry Bigornia

*Senior Administrator, LASC ADR Office*

Kerry Bigornia oversees civil settlement programs with community partners and works with the Judicial ADR Committee to promote the use of court-connected ADR services.

Ms. Bigornia developed the Court's Mediation Volunteer Panel, which received more than 5,000 civil case referrals in its first year. Ms. Bigornia previously managed community programming and events for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, serving as chief of the District Attorney's Public Affairs Division. Ms. Bigornia has a master's degree from the University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communications and a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver.



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# Dinner Committee

## *Chair*

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

## *Committee Members*

Bennett Root, Executive Director, MCLA

Enrique Koenig, Erich & Delia Foundation

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

Lori Dobrin, Esq

Lisa Klerman, USC Gould School of Law Mediation Clinic

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# Sponsorship Opportunities

**Individual Tickets:** \$200 per person | **Friends of MCLA Table of 10:** \$2,000

## Platinum \$5,000

- 10 Tickets
- Full-page colored ad
- Prominent placement on promotional materials

## Gold \$3,500

- 5 Tickets
- Full-page colored ad
- Prominent placement on promotional materials

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- Placement on promotional materials

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## Wine Sponsor \$2,000

- 1 ticket
- Half-page colored ad
- Logo on/near wine.  
Placement on promotional materials  
(1 available)

## Flower Sponsor \$1,200

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- half-page colored ad
- Logo on/near flowers.  
Placement on promotional materials  
(1 available)

## Badge Sponsor \$750

- 1 Ticket
- Quarter-page colored ad
- Logo on badge and placement  
on promotional materials  
(1 available)

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# Ad Opportunities

Place an ad in the evening's program booklet to congratulate our honorees. All ad opportunities are in color.

## Full-Page \$500

- Ad Size/Safe Zone: 5" wide x 8" high
- With Bleed: 5.75" wide x 8.75" high

## Half- Page \$300

- Ad Size/Safe Zone: 5" wide x 3.85" high
- No Bleed

## Quarter-Page \$200

- Ad Size/Safe Zone: 2.375" wide x 3.85" high
- No Bleed

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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](mailto:Crystal@MediationLA.org) by February 12, 2026.

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




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# Reserve your Spot!



**Sponsorships, ads, tables, and tickets can be reserved by contacting:  
Crystal Martinez at [Crystal@MediationLA.org](mailto:Crystal@MediationLA.org)**



# Thank you!

*We look forward to your  
participation and support!*

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