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As a litigation attorney for over thirty years, Len Levy has been representing plaintiffs and defendants in complex legal disputes. His creative approach to litigation has earned him a reputation with parties and attorneys as a fair minded individual, adept at finding novel ways to resolve complex matters. Seven years ago, Len began serving as a settlement officer, and six years ago began mediating cases. Since that time he has successfully resolved a multitude of cases through mediation, many of them thought by the parties and their attorneys to be “unsettleable”.

Len Levy explores the issues and goals of the parties, and facilitates their reaching an agreement which is a “win-win” result for all parties to the dispute. His legal and mediation experience and training, as well as his excellent interpersonal skills, patience and tenacity mean that he brings to the mediation process those tools necessary to facilitate settlements. Len explores all issues necessary to achieve settlement, many of which may not be addressed at all in a litigation context, and many of which may not have been apparent to the parties themselves.

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediator, ADR Services, Inc. Panel, American Arbitration Association Panel; Los Angeles Superior Court Pilot Program Commercial Provider and Personal Injury Judicially Mandated Mediation Panels; Los Angeles County Bar Association Fee Dispute Mediation Panel; State Bar Dispute Panel; Court of Appeal (2nd Dist.) Mediation Panel.

Arbitration, ADR Services, Inc. Panel; American Arbitration Association Commercial and Construction Panels; State of California Public Works Contract Administration Arbitration Panel; Los Angeles County Superior Court Panel, Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Panel. Kaiser Permanente Arbitration Panel.

Member, Former Member Board of Directors Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA) and Past Vice-President, Co-Chair Professional Development Committee, Courts Committee, Employment Workplace Committee, Past Member Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR); California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC); Panel member Nevada Construction Law Seminar 2001.

Author, “*Disclosure Doubts . . . Mediation Parties Must Decide How Much to Divulge*” (Los Angeles Daily Journal, Feb. 23, 2000); “*Top 10 (Plus 1) Tips: How to Enhance Your Chances for a Successful Mediation*” (Verdicts & Settlements, Los Angeles Daily Journal, Jan. 18, 2002);

“*An Attitude Adjustment Can Get You Further In Court-Ordered Mediation*” (San Francisco Daily Journal, June 21, 2004); Co-Author “Pros and Cons of Mediation, Arbitration and Litigation” presented at Nevada Construction Law Seminar, 2001.

Seminars, ·California Academy of Mediation Professionals “Negotiating the Litigated Case” (1999); ·California Academy of Mediation Professionals “Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution” (2000); ·Dispute Resolution Services “Attorney/Client Fee Dispute Resolution” (2000); ·SCMA “Mediating Workplace Employment Disputes” (2001-2003); ·SCMA 12th-15th Annual Interactive Conferences (2000-2003)

Recognition, Certificates of Appreciation from the Los Angeles Superior and Municipal Courts for volunteer services as a settlement officer as part of the Valley Associated Settlement Team (VAST), and as a mediator; Certificate of Appreciation Los Angeles Superior Court for service as Temporary Judge. Invited participant, 2002, 2003 Masters’ Forum Conference for

experienced neutrals.

Len mediates and Arbitrates matters in fields which include:

- insurance law (including bad faith litigation)
- construction
- real estate (including landlord tenant, title insurance, and other matters)
- commercial law (including virtually all types of business disputes)
- surety and fidelity law
- employment disputes
- business entity disputes (partnerships, corporations, LLCs)
- personal injury claims
- environmental disputes

LEGAL BACKGROUND

Member, State Bar of California (1973); United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit (1982); United States District Courts, Central District of California (1974), Southern District of California (1979), Eastern District of California (1982)

In January 1974 joined Stark and Siener and, tried over seventy cases in less than a year. From December 1974, as an associate in Montgomery, Bottum, Regal & McNally, tried numerous cases in the insurance, surety and fidelity, and business litigation fields, as well as appellate work in those areas. In 1981 began a general civil practice including business and real estate litigation, until 1982, at which time he became partner in Regal & Levy, and tried and performed appellate work in many complex civil practice areas including business and real estate, fidelity and surety law and insurance law. In October, 1990, became of counsel to Mink, Alpert & Barr (predecessor to Alpert & Barr), maintaining his practice in the same general areas, but in addition, commencing a mediation practice. In August, 1999, became a partner in Levy, McMahon & Levin, concentrating on mediation. In 2009 became an Adjunct Professor at Loyola University School of Law.

EDUCATION

- Loyola University School of Law J.D., June 1973
- UCLA, B.A., 1970
- Mediation Training, Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, 1998