

## Curriculum Vitae

David P. Lyon, Esq., Principal

### **LYON MEDIATION**

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#### **Mediation Practice Philosophy & Approach**

As a practicing attorney and a licensed mediator, I have represented thousands of clients in hundreds of mediations, arbitrations and neutral evaluations over a span of 15 years of practice. In that time, I have had the opportunity to represent all sides in the litigation arena, in all roles, and am fully skilled in the tactics, interests and positions party take and express in the mediation process.


As a mediator, I use my legal experience, mediation training, and common sense to rapidly bring parties to discuss their interests in seeking compromises toward resolution, notwithstanding their initial positions, with excellent results.


I welcome matters in the pre-litigation and litigation arenas, whether through represented parties or direct party retention.


#### **Billing Rates**

-  \$450 per hour, with a three (3) hour minimum for cases valued in excess of \$100,000 in claims;
-  \$400 per hour, with a three (3) hour minimum for cases valued below \$100,000 in claims;
-  \$350 per hour, with a two (2) hour minimum for cases valued below \$25,000 in claims.




#### **Education & Training**

 *Certified Mediator* - Certificate of Advanced Professional Development, with Distinction, Mediation & Conflict Resolution, California State University, Northridge, June 2011 (100 Hour Course)

 *Certified Arbitrator* - Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

 *Juris Doctor*, May 1997  
Whittier Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Honors/Awards:

-  Moot Court Honors Board, Executive Board Member 1995-1997;
-  American Jurisprudence Award: Professional Responsibilities Practicum Skills;
-  CALI Excellence for the Future Award: Pretrial Litigation Skills

- *Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, March 1984*  
University of California, San Diego

## Professional Experience

### *LYON MEDIATION, Los Angeles (2010-Present) Principal*

- Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services
- Arbitration Services (binding and non-binding)
- Neutral Evaluations
- Adjunct Professor, CSUN Mediation & Conflict Resolution – *Mediation Practicum* (2011-present)

### *JACKSON & WALLACE LLP (merged into JACKSON JENKINS RENSTROM), Los Angeles (2005-2010)*

#### *Partner*

- Directed construction defect defense sector for Southern California office of San Francisco-based national legal defense firm
- Lead trial counsel in hundreds of subcontractor client cases litigated through discovery, mediations, pre-trial, and trials to judgments/verdicts
- Managed and led strategies for case management to control costs, reduce risk, manage claims, and provide premium results to resolve matters quickly, efficiently and favorably for clients and carriers

### *THARPE & HOWELL, Los Angeles (2000-2005) Associate*

- Managed and coordinated general contractor and developer client construction defect cases in Northern and Southern California for regional insurance defense law firm
- Participated in all phases of litigation in hundreds of cases in both defending against claims raised by property owners and in prosecuting claims on indemnity against builders, contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers

### *KOLETSKY, MANCINI, FELDMAN & MORROW, Los Angeles (1998-2000) Associate*

- Handled hundreds of construction defect defense cases for subcontractors, in all phases of litigation
- Handled cases in commercial landlord-tenant matters

In addition, another ten years experience in the legal profession, providing professional services in litigation assistant support in anti-trust, telecommunications, securities fraud, contract, insurance defense, construction, computer and banking industries to law firms, including TOBIN & TOBIN, San Francisco (1992-1994); KHOURIE, CREW & JAEGER, San Francisco (1990-1992); PETTIT & MARTIN, San Francisco (1987-1990); and FURTH, FAHRNER, BLUMELE & MASON, San Francisco (1984-1987).

## Bar Membership

- *State Bar of California, 1997 Member No. 192667*
- *U.S. Court of Appeals, 9<sup>th</sup> Circ., 1997; U.S. District Court, C.D. Calif., 1997*

## Professional Contributions

- *Judge Pro Tempore* – Los Angeles Superior Court
- *Settlement Officer; ADR Mediator* – Los Angeles Superior Court
- *Mandatory Fee Arbitrator* – San Fernando Valley Bar Association

## Professional Affiliations

- *Southern California Mediation Association*
- *Mediator Registry*
- *American Bar Association*
- *San Fernando Valley Bar Association*

- *Ventura Bar Association*
- *Bet Tzedek Legal Services*

**Personal Affiliations & Voluntarism**

- *AYSO Sherman Oaks - Board of Directors – Conflict Resolution Officer; Youth Soccer Referee*
- *Hesby Oaks School Board, Encino, Ca – Director of Communications*