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Robert M. Cohen, Esq.

Mediator/Arbitrator

Robert M. Cohen is a passionate, creative, earnest and practical mediator. Possessing excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to rapidly build trust, his settlement rate is superior. Formerly a partner with Cohen Stimpert & Ford, Cohen has handled a wide variety of litigation matters during his 40+ year career including personal injury and elder abuse claims, HOA disputes, leasing and landlord tenant disputes, business and partnership disputes and commercial collection matters. Cohen has tried scores of arbitrations, bench and jury trials and has been involved in over 1500 disputed matters. Since the 1990's, he has mediated hundreds of matters and is known for his ability to bring closure to contentious, personality-driven disputes; and he is always searching for a creative solution that results in settlement.

Practice Areas

Personal Injury, Elder Abuse, Real Estate, HOA (Homeowner Association), Partition Actions, Commercial Leasing, Landlord-tenant HOA, Habitability Disputes, Property Line, Easement Disputes, Subrogation, Construction, Multi-party Claims

Experience

Personal Injury Claims: Mr. Cohen has litigated and mediated catastrophic injury claims involving automobiles, bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, trucks, buses, taxis, pedestrians, driving under the influence, wrongful death and UM/UIM claims. He has dealt with claims for elder abuse, slip/trip/falls, public property/sidewalk defects, residential/premises defects, dog bites and dangerous condition claims dealing with elevators, escalators and construction site accidents.

Business Disputes: Mr. Cohen has successfully resolved hundreds of commercial leasing and landlord-tenant disputes, HOA claims, commercial evictions, real property, boundary, tree line and easement disputes, trespass/nuisance, mechanics lien/construction, partnership, family corporation, breach of contract and domestic/international commercial collection claims and disputes.

Organizations & Achievements

- Awarded the Martindale & Hubbell AV rating more than 20 years ago; also awarded the Judicial AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell.
- Member, state bar associations of California and New York
- Presently Co-Chair of the Beverly Hills Bar Association ADR/Mediation Section
- Past Board Member of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Foundation
- Past Board Member of the Los Angeles

County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services Foundation

- Past President of West Los Angeles Homeowners Association
- Lectured to several Southern California Bar Associations and Trade Groups about Mediation Best Practices
- Presented to the Italian Stone Trade Association in Verona, Italy regarding international collection matters in the United States
- Published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal about best mediation practices including articles entitled: "Winning at Mediation: Reality or Oxymoron?",
- Published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal about best mediation practices including articles entitled: "Winning at Mediation: Reality of Oxymoron?", "Exchanging Mediation Briefs: The Simplest Path to Success", "The Importance of Trust Building in Mediation", "The Benefits of Mediating HOA Disputes"

Education & Training

- Pepperdine University School of Law, 2004, Mediating the Litigated Case, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution
- L.A. Bar Association Advanced Divorce Mediation Program, 2005
- J.D., Loyola University of Law, 1976
- A.B. Cum Laude, UCLA, 1973

Mr. Cohen is available throughout Southern California.