

Stephen L. Hewitt, Esq.

Mediator specializing in commercial, real estate, breach of contract, property damage and personal injury including professional and medical malpractice, health care, general and product liability, auto, and recreation.

ADR/Mediation Experience

24 years of dispute resolution skills while serving as a neutral, settlement conference officer, private mediator and arbitrator in several Los Angeles and Orange County programs. A fierce professional independence, a career-long penchant for tackling complicated and difficult cases, and a commitment to maintaining an unbiased understanding of both sides of a conflict has made him naturally suited for conflict resolution. His philosophy about conflict resolution has also been fundamentally shaped by having tried more than 60 jury trials to verdict.

Legal Experience

Founding and managing partner of Hewitt & Raphael. Served as lead trial counsel since 1989. Member in good standing with the State Bar of California since 1982 and the State Bar of Hawaii since 1999.

Professional Affiliation

AV Preeminent Rating – Martindale Hubbell; Super Lawyers; Advocate member -American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA); Los Angeles County and American Bar Associations; Sports Lawyers Association; Southern California Mediation Association; Member of FORUM – Arbitration, Mediation, International Association; Dive Equipment Manufacturers Association of America (DEMA); National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI); Southern California Association for Healthcare Risk Management (SCAHRM); Approved Multistate Continuing Legal Educator – Insurance; Periodically Approved Continuing Legal Educator – Attorneys – California; Author of Sport and Leisure Waiver & Release and Assumption of the Risk Law, 6th Edition.

Dispute Resolution Training

Mediator Certification Pepperdine University 2019; Post-mediator certification internship 2020; Bi-monthly continuing education.

Education

- California Western School of Law (J.D. 1981)
- University of California at Santa Barbara (B.A., Philosophy & Law, and Society 1978)
- Post-Graduate: Probate PVP 2005 Los Angeles County