



CHRISTINE KUREK

Mediator

Insight Leads to Resolution

Christine Kurek is a full-time mediator, specializing in the resolution of employment, personal injury, insurance, and business disputes across California. She brings to bear almost 30 years of experience, particularly as a former in-house corporate counsel in California at both publicly-traded (Fortune 500) and privately-held companies, where she managed employment litigation.

Her approach to mediation has been shaped uniquely by both her deep experience and familiarity with how companies approach litigation (and the resolution of such matters), balanced with formative experiences early in her career working at plaintiff's side law firms specializing in employment and personal injury matters. She understands how both sides view, develop and assess a case. While in Washington, D.C., Ms. Kurek also worked at Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP), providing free civil legal assistance to low-income residents.

Ms. Kurek is a Latine leader who led global employment and labor law previously for Verily Life Sciences (a Google affiliate). She was a Vice President in the legal department at Activision Blizzard, and began her in-house career at Yahoo! Inc. She actively directed employment litigation in all three in-house roles. Other clients have included Paramount Pictures and Newegg, in addition to working in the USDOJ (Civil Rights Division and Environment and Natural Resources Division).

She started her career as an associate at Covington & Burling, focusing on both general litigation and employment law. Ms. Kurek served as a law clerk to the Hon. Jerry Buchmeyer, Chief Judge, USDC, Northern District of Texas.

Recognition

- **Corporate Counsel of the Year**
Los Angeles Business Journal (2023)
- **"Top 50 Diverse Leader"**
nationaldiversitycouncil.org (2020)

"Highly recommended for employment disputes requiring someone who understands California labor law nuances and won't give up until every avenue has been explored." – Client Testimonial

Areas of Expertise

- Employment Law
 - Wrongful Termination
 - Discrimination & Harassment
 - Retaliation & Whistleblower
 - Wage & Hour
 - PAGA & Class Actions
 - Reasonable Accommodation & Leaves of Absence
 - Founder & Executive Disputes
 - Pay Equity
 - Restrictive Covenants
- Personal Injury Law
 - Motor Vehicle
 - Premises Liability
- Business/Commercial Disputes
- Insurance
 - Coverage
 - Bad Faith

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Professional Experience

- Kurek Dispute Resolution, Founder & Mediator
- Verily Life Sciences LLC (Google affiliate), Global Employment Counsel
- Activision Blizzard, Inc., Vice President – Legal, Employment & Benefits Counsel
- Yahoo! Inc., Employment Counsel
- Covington & Burling, Associate
- USDC, Northern District of Texas, Law Clerk to Hon. Jerry Buchmeyer

Education

- University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), J.D.
- Stanford University

Additional ADR Experience & Panels

- Pepperdine Caruso Law, Mediation Certificate
- USDC, Central District, Mediation Panel
- Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Mediation Volunteer Panel
- LASC's Resolve Law LA Virtual MSC Program
- LASC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Mediator Representative

Bar Admissions

- California
- Washington, D.C.

Professional Activities

- Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
- California Lawyers Association (CLA)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) – Silver Sponsor, 2026 L&E Symposium
- Beverly Hills Bar Association (BJBA)
- California Employment Law Council (CELC), Past President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (2020) and Former Board Member
- American Employment Law Council (AELC), Past Member
- Women Unlimited, Inc., Former Mentor
- Alexandria House, Past Board Member

Recent Speaking Engagements

- “Wage and Hour Laws,” Guest Lecturer – UCLA Law Executive Education (June 2026)
- “How to Be a Hero in Mediation – Trends and Tips for Success Mediating Employment Law Disputes,” BHBA (June 2026)
- “Personal Injury Mediation 101,” LASC MVP Webinar (March 2026)
- “Hot Takes: Views on PAGA Post-Reform,” CLA L&E Section (Webinar – January 2025; Conference – July 2025)
- “Use of AI in Mediation,” LASC MVP Webinar (November 2025)
- “Ready, Set, Resolve! Preparation for Mediation – How Effective Preparation Can Help Settle Your Case,” ADR Services, Inc. Webinar (May 2025)

Personal Interests

Avid traveler, novice horseback rider, and gluten-free baker.