

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business Disputes
- Partnership, LLC, & Shareholder Disputes (“Business Divorce”)
- Shareholder Derivative Litigation
- Fiduciary Duty, Fraud, & Self-Dealing
- Trade Secrets & Unfair Competition
- Real Estate
- Employment, Wage-and-Hour, & PAGA
- Executive Severance
- Civil Rights
- Cannabis Industry

LANGUAGES

English
Spanish
Portuguese (conversational)

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JOHN SHENK
RESOLUTIONS

JOHN W. SHENK

MEDIATOR

John Shenk brings more than 18 years of experience as a business litigator to his mediation practice, John Shenk Resolutions. A founding partner of Mancini Shenk LLP, John is a skilled mediator with a specialty in what he calls “business divorce.” John taps into his experience as a litigator of partnership and shareholder disputes to help businesspeople reach a deal to divide assets and opportunities. In the role of litigator, John became known as a lawyer skilled at finding a deal to allow his clients to reach a desirable settlement. That skill naturally led him into mediation.

John’s business background is essential in that process. He obtained an MBA, practiced in transactional and bankruptcy law, and founded and manages his own law firm, among other ventures. He knows firsthand how destructive litigation can be to a business and its owners. John is dedicated to the resolution of disputes, with the knowledge of how difficult the decision to compromise can be. But the reward of waking up the next morning unburdened by toxic litigation and a refreshing opportunity to focus on what lies ahead is more than worth it. Achieving that result is John’s passion.

John serves on the mediation panel of the United States District Court for the Central District of California and on the Mediation Volunteer Panel of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, and he is a Settlement Officer with Resolve Law LA. He completed Pepperdine’s Straus Institute program, Mediating the Litigated Case, in 2024.

John holds both a J.D. and an M.B.A. from USC. He began his career at Goodwin Procter closing leveraged finance transactions, including a $1 billion refinancing for a wind-energy company, before turning to business, partnership, and shareholder litigation at Ervin Cohen & Jessup and then at his own firm. That grounding in finance lets him engage directly with valuations, buyouts, and cash flow—often the real issues beneath a business dispute—and helps parties weigh the true cost of continued litigation.

John’s interest in what drives people in conflict runs deep. He studied English and psychology at Stanford, spent two years with Mexico’s National Institute of Public Health organizing and facilitating international conferences, and today serves on the board of Rose City Center, a nonprofit offering affordable psychotherapy. He is patient, prepared, and even-handed, and he works to preserve relationships where possible while helping parties reach practical, durable settlements.

MEDIATION PANELS & ADR TRAINING

- **Panel Mediator**, Mediation Center of Los Angeles
- **Panel Mediator**, United States District Court for the Central District of California
- **Mediation Volunteer Panel**, Los Angeles County Superior Court
- **Settlement Officer**, Resolve Law LA
- **Mediating the Litigated Case**, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law

EDUCATION

- **J.D.**, University of Southern California Gould School of Law (2008)
- **M.B.A.**, University of Southern California Marshall School of Business (2008)
- **B.A.,** Stanford University (2001)

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EXPERIENCE

John Shenk Resolutions — *Mediator* **Present**
Mediation of business, partnership, real estate, and employment disputes.

Mancini Shenk LLP — *Founding Partner* **2018 – Present**
Business and partnership litigation: direct and derivative suits among business owners, contract and trade secret disputes, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and other business torts.

Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP — *Partner; Associate* **2010 – 2018**
Business and partnership litigation; representation of state and federal court receivers over Ponzi-scheme entities and defaulted real estate developments; real estate disputes; employment litigation.

Goodwin Procter LLP — *Associate* **2008 – 2009**
Leveraged finance transactions, including a $1 billion refinancing and bankruptcy exit financing; landlord-tenant litigation.

Los Angeles County Superior Court — *Judicial Extern* **Summer, 2005**

Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública (Mexico) — *Research Assistant* **2002 – 2004**
Organized and facilitated conferences for international health organizations, including the World Health Organization.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California (No. 261573)
- U.S. District Courts for the Central, Northern, Eastern, and Southern Districts of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Rose City Center — Board Member and Secretary (2023 – present); nonprofit providing affordable psychotherapy
- ProVisors
- Los Angeles County Bar Association