

RONALD M. MONITZ

Ronald Monitz is a seasoned professional mediator with decades of legal experience spanning various practice areas on both sides of the bar. Throughout his career, he has honed exceptional dispute resolution skills while serving as a settlement officer, mediator, arbitrator, neutral, and judge pro tem in the Los Angeles Superior Court and other venues, including local bar associations and the California State Bar. His unwavering commitment to impartiality and his career-long dedication to resolving complex and challenging cases have made him highly skilled in achieving efficient and equitable dispute resolutions.

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

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- *Mediator*, Los Angeles Superior Court VAST and RESOLVE Programs
Mediator, Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2024
- *Judge Pro Tem*, Los Angeles County Municipal and Small Claims Courts
- *Settlement Officer*, Los Angeles Superior Court
- *Arbitrator*, Independent Film and Television Alliance (IFTA), 2009 to 2022
- *Arbitrator*, California State Bar (Mandatory Fee Arbitrations), 2016 to present
- *Arbitrator*, Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley Bar Associations (Mandatory Fee Arbitrations), 2016 to present
- *Arbitrator*, American Arbitration Association-ICDR, 2021 to present

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Over 40 years of experience litigating and resolving disputes in business, real estate, probate, and intellectual property across many state and federal cases and arbitrations. Served as both plaintiff and defense counsel, and, where beneficial to the parties, successfully settled many hundreds of cases.

Representative matters covered many disputes, including breach of contract, fraud, and conflicts involving shareholders, partners, employees, employers, siblings, neighbors, clients and vendors. Real estate matter encompassed purchase and sale disagreements, neighbor conflicts, landlord-tenant issues, partitions, and easements. Additionally, matters afforded extensive experience in intellectual property disputes, including copyright, trademark, production, distribution, royalties, and accountings.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Ronald Monitz additionally served for five years as the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of a national corporation, where he led contract negotiations, supervised the implementation and enforcement of agreements, and resolved disputes involving business operations, commissions, accounting, and human resources. These business experiences offered invaluable lessons in mediation—far surpassing those learned in law school.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

UCLA School of Law, Juris Doctor (Order of the Coif, Law Review)
UCLA Bachelor of Arts- (*Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)
Certification-National Association of Certified Mediators
Martindale-Hubbell-AV Rated-highest rating
Rated *Super Lawyer* -Thompson West

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- *Monitz Mediation*, Founder,
- *Monitz & Walker, P.C / Zimmerman, Walker & Monitz, LLP*, *Partner*
- *PIC-TV, Inc.*, *Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel*
- *Manatt Phelps & Phillips*, *Partner*
- *Cooper Epstein & Hurewitz*, *Associate and Partner*
- *Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp*, *Associate*

ASSOCIATIONS

Southern California Mediation Association
National Association of Certified Mediators
California State Courts-Admitted
United State Federal Courts-Admitted
United States Tax Court-Admitted