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# Barry M. Appell, Esq.

## *Mediator/Arbitrator*

Barry Appell has 28 years' experience representing both employees and employers in employment litigation in trial and appellate courts, arbitrations, and administrative proceedings. Barry also has experience conducting trainings and workplace investigations, preparing handbooks, and counseling employers for compliance with employment laws.

Barry began mediating in 2018, and in 2021, he left his employment law practice to mediate full-time. From 1994-2004, he represented employers exclusively. From 2004-2021, he represented both employees and employers, although primarily employees. This range of experience allows him to understand disputes from the unique perspectives of each side, including their personal goals and needs. His knowledge of all aspects of employment law, along with his straightforward approach, has resulted in Barry achieving a very high success rate in resolving cases.

### Practice Areas

Barry has substantial experience mediating employment law disputes including harassment and discrimination, failure to accommodate, retaliation, leave laws, wrongful termination, wage and hour, employment contracts, unfair competition, and privacy claims. He is also experienced in mediating personal injury matters, and a variety of other consumer claims such as fraud and misappropriation of likeness.

Barry has substantial experience in mediating class actions and representative actions, such as under PAGA.

### Organizations and Achievements

- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Employment Law Section
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Employment Law Section
- California Employment Lawyers Association
- Southern California Mediation Association

- Named to "Southern California Rising Stars" (2004) and "Southern California Super Lawyers" (2005-2021, *Super Lawyers*, Thompson Reuters)
- Avvo Top-Rated Lawyer (2021)

### Education and Training

- J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1994
- B.S., California State University Northridge, Business, 1991, *cum laude*
- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, Mediating the Litigated Case, August 2015
- Mediator, Center for Conflict Resolution, 2016-2019
- Mediator, Small Claims, Los Angeles Superior Court, 2016-2019
- Mediator, Ventura County Superior Court, ADR Panel, 2018 to present
- Mediator, Mediation Center of Los Angeles, 2019 to present

*Mr. Appell is available throughout Southern California.*