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Mark K. Ameli, Esq. was the first Iranian-American attorney in California to practice tort law, business law and workers' compensation law, and he was among the first Iranian-American attorneys in the United States of America. His career and experience as an attorney, a mediator, an arbitrator, and a Judge *Pro Tem* over the past 40 years is recognized and respected throughout the state. His clients have described him as an effective mediator with a wealth of knowledge who is quick and gets to the point – qualities which contribute tremendously to his success as a neutral.

Over the past 24 years of his career, Mr. Ameli has mediated and arbitrated numerous matters, with particular experience resolving disputes in the following areas of law: general business, including contracts, corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies; business litigation; personal injury; real estate; and employment.

Mr. Ameli is able to use his perception and insight gained from having handled civil matters on both sides of the bench to convey the realistic options and potential outcomes of each case to the parties. With a patient and honest attitude, Mr. Ameli easily builds rapport with counsel and clients alike, while gaining the trust of the parties, in order to effectively mediate and ultimately resolve the matter at hand. He also has a particular understanding of cross-cultural issues, which makes him more capable than most in breaking any impasse reached due to cultural barriers that the parties could not overcome on their own.

Mr. Ameli is a Past Chair of the Conflict Resolution Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, as well as the Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee of Rotary International, where he instilled and developed many of the mediation and arbitration rules that are still followed today. In addition, he is a Founding Member of the Iranian American Lawyers Association and previously served on the Boards of the Southern California Mediation Association and the Rotary Club of Rancho Park.

Mr. Ameli holds a B.A. in Economics from UC Berkeley, an M.A. in Economics from USC, and a J.D. from UWLA. He has also completed many advanced level mediation courses at Pepperdine and Harvard Universities. He is fluent in both English and Farsi.

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

- General Business
 - Contracts
 - Corporations
 - Partnerships
 - Limited Liability Companies
- Business Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Real Estate
- Employment

LEGAL AND ADR EXPERIENCE

- ADR Services, Inc., *Mediator and Arbitrator* 2015-Present
- Diversified Dispute Resolution, *Mediator and Arbitrator* 2005-2015
- Los Angeles Superior Court, *Mediator, Arbitrator, Judge Pro Tem* 1994-2015
- Private Practice, *Attorney at Law* 1980-2015

EDUCATION

- University of West Los Angeles, Juris Doctorate 1980
- University of Southern California, Master of Arts in Economics 1972
- University of California at Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts in Economics 1970
- Various advanced mediation and conflict resolution courses at Pepperdine University and Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Beverly Hills Bar Association, *Past Chair of the Section on Conflict Resolution*
- California State Bar, *Member*
- Iranian American Lawyers Association, *Founder and Past President*
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, *Member*
- Southern California Mediation Association, *Member and Past Member of the Board of Directors*
- Mediators Beyond Borders, *Member*
- Rotary International District 5280, *Past Chair of Peace and Conflict Resolution*