



## DANIEL BEN-ZVI, ESQ.

Mediator



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Daniel Ben-Zvi (pronounced *Benz-Vee*) has been an accomplished neutral with ADR Services since 2000. Throughout his career, he has mediated more than 4,000 disputes with highly successful results. He has earned recognition as a Distinguished Fellow of the *International Academy of Mediators* and was named a Power Mediator by *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Admitted to practice in 5 state bars, Mr. Ben-Zvi brings the insight of a seasoned trial lawyer, having spent 20 years litigating varied cases in different jurisdictions. He co-authored the book, *Inside the Minds – Alternative Dispute Resolution*, writes articles, and lectures on mediation. His creative background even includes a stint as a writer on the tv show, *L.A. Law*.

Mr. Ben-Zvi has been an active proponent of mediation. Since 2004, he has been Founder/Chair of the annual City of Los Angeles Mediation Awareness Week, which promotes public awareness of mediation. Annually, participants included LA Superior Court's Presiding Judge, the City Attorney, and leaders of CAALA, ASCDC, ABOTA and SCMA.

This "warrior-turned-peacemaker", as The Daily Journal describes him, brings a unique blend of persistence and creativity to ending bitterly fought lawsuits involving employment, business, real estate, construction, professional liability, personal injury, entertainment, franchise, probate and more.

Mr. Ben-Zvi approaches every mediation with a guiding principle: "The mediation opportunity should be effectively exhausted, with no stone left unturned."

### EDUCATION

1981 JD, Cardozo School of Law

1978 BA, Rutgers University (Honors, Economics)

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Mr. Ben-Zvi has mediated and arbitrated, since 1995, on the panels of ADR Services, Inc., AAA, ARC and World Intellectual Property Organization, and DB Mediation & Arbitration Services.

### SELECTED WRITINGS

For all articles and publications, please visit <http://www.dbmediation.com/media>

- [Featured in Daily Journal, "City of LA Recognizes Mediators", March 2019](#)
- [Daily Journal Profile, "Tenacious and Creative", October 2018](#)
- [Author, "Nine Ways to be ready for Mediation" Advocate, September 2012](#)
- Co-Author, "Inside the Minds - Alternative Dispute Resolution" (Aspatore Press; Boston 2004), Co-authors include J.Brian Casey, Baker & McKenzie and Judith Korchin, Holland & Knight.
- Author, articles on mediation and litigation topics, including an analysis of mediation "The Mediation Revolution" (CLA, CA; 2004). • Author, "Mediation: An Overview" (US-Korean Law Journal; 2013).
- Profiled several times as Featured Neutral in the Daily Journal -- 2018, 2008 and 2001.

## **SPEAKING**

- Lecturer numerous times at Southern California Mediation Association's (SCMA) annual conferences and seminars at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, on dispute resolution in the areas of business, employment, real estate, construction, personal injury, and entertainment.
- Lecturer on alternative dispute resolution at many law firms, corporations and government agencies, e.g. Irell & Manella, Sony, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.
- Lecturer on mediation topics at Bar Associations of Los Angeles, Ventura and San Francisco and at Law Schools of UCLA, Loyola, Southwestern.
- Lecturer on "Mediation in the Real Estate Industry".
- Keynote speaker, California Lawyers for the Arts' annual conference [2004] on Mediation in the Film and Television Industry and panelist in other years.
- Featured Mediator on television including "Mediation Behind Closed Doors", "Saving the American Dream", "Law Talk" and consultant Neutral on ABC news.
- Featured Mediator on radio including "The Dennis Prager Show" and "The CBS Business Hour".

## **AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

- Distinguished Fellow, International Academy of Mediators.
- Mediation Panelist, United States District Court, Central District of California
- Board member, California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC).
- Chairman, since 2004, "City of Los Angeles Annual Mediation Awareness Week", on behalf of the Mayor and the L.A. City Council to promote mediation. This includes Mr. Ben-Zvi's annual televised presentation at L.A. City Council on status of dispute resolution in Los Angeles, together with leaders in the legal, political and mediation communities.
- "Power Mediator" -- 1 of 32 Best International List, *Hollywood Reporter*.
- Diplomat Member, California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.
- Honoree, Southern California Mediation Association's (SCMA) annual Employment Mediation Conference, 2005.

- Admitted to the State Bars of California, New York, Washington DC, New Jersey, and Connecticut.
- Invited Participant, Master's Forum, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- Invited Participant, Negotiation and Mediation conference, Harvard Law School; 2007, 2012.

## JUDICIAL AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Arbitrator and Discovery Referee, ADR Services, Inc. and AAA panels.
- Judge Pro Tempore, Los Angeles Superior Court, 2002 - 2012.
- Judge, Annual National Negotiation Competition, American Bar Association, Law Student Division.
- Litigator. Mr. Ben-Zvi appreciates the unique perspectives of plaintiff and defense. Throughout his litigation career, he represented both plaintiffs and defendants. In 1981, Mr. Ben-Zvi began practicing law in Connecticut at Ribicoff & Kotkin. Later, he was CA counsel with the Washington DC law firm of Saul & Ewing fka Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Shepard for over 10 years.
- Extern, Bankruptcy Judge Burton Lifland, Federal Bankruptcy Court, Southern District New York, 1980-1981.

## CASE EXPERIENCE

Daniel Ben-Zvi, Esq. has experience as a neutral in the following civil matters:

Bankruptcy  
Civil Rights  
Commercial/Business  
Construction  
Contract Disputes  
Employment  
Entertainment  
Franchise  
Health  
Government

Insurance  
Intellectual Property  
Lemon Law  
Landlord/Tenant  
Libel & Slander  
Medical Malpractice  
Negligence  
Partnerships  
Personal Injury / Torts  
Probate

Product Liability  
Professional Fees  
Proposition 65  
Real Property  
Technology  
Trusts and Estates  
Workers Compensation  
Wrongful Death

