



JOBI HALPER, ESQ.
Mediator • Arbitrator



Jobi Halper, Esq. has provided hundreds of hours of full time mediation and arbitration services since 2009. Jobi's broad knowledge of legal matters ranges from personal injury to sophisticated business disputes, RICO and complex consumer matters to professional malpractice and real estate. She dedicates herself to working closely with clients to understand the complexities of the case, needs of the parties, and best avenues for resolution. Ms. Halper is a student of human behavior and understands the levels of the dispute that bring the parties to conflict. If you are looking for a mediator, something is blocking resolution of your case. Whether it be miscalculation, overzealous expectations, lack of authority, need for emotional release, or frustration with opposing counsel, Ms. Halper understands how to remove impediments and facilitate resolution.

Ms. Halper litigated for 22 years, representing plaintiffs and defendants, corporations, business owners, employers and employees, class representatives, consumers and other individuals in a broad variety of cases. Her vast experience gives Ms. Halper a view of cases from all perspectives, permitting insight to creative resolution.

The insight and impartiality Ms. Halper brings to mediation and arbitration leaves the parties feeling confident, comfortable, and ready to resolve their disputes. Her determination, creativity and ability to understand complex issues quickly and manage multiple parties in conflict result in successful resolution.

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION EXPERTISE

Mediation and arbitration services are offered through ADR Services, Inc. throughout California. Ms. Halper sits on the U.S. District Court panel for the Central District, and on the Superior Court panels in San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles and Orange County. Ms. Halper served on the State Bar Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration for six years setting policy and managing the fee dispute system in California, was Deputy Arbitrator for the State Bar, and most recently presided as Chair of the Committee.

Representative Mediation Cases:

- Professional disputes including Fee Disputes and Malpractice (attorney and accounting)
- Business disputes including Franchise, Breach of Commercial Contract, Corporate Governance and Partnership Dissolution
- Consumer matters including Unfair Competition, CLRA, Bus & Prof 17200 & 17500, Credit, Rosenthal Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Employment disputes including Wage/Hour/Breaks, Discrimination, Wrongful Termination, Sexual Harassment, Improper Classification and Retaliation
- Intentional Torts, including Tortious Interference with Contract, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, Disparagement, Slander, Defamation, Trespass and Intentional Infliction of Physical harm
- Intellectual Property matters including Infringement, Copyright and Lanham Act
- Civil Rights

- Class Action, Mass Action and Complex Litigation
- Insurance Disputes including Worker's Compensation, Insurance Bad Faith, Subrogation and Coverage
- Real Property and Lending issues including Loan Restructuring, Foreclosure, Mortgage, Unlawful Detainer, Property Partition, Inverse Condemnation and Mold
- Personal Injury matters including Vehicle Accidents, (commercial and private), Motorcycle Accidents, Catastrophic Injuries, Premises Liability, Wrongful Death, Uninsured Motorist, and Accidents involving Children
- Personal Property matters including Property Damage, Product Liability and Manufacturer Defect
- Probate/Estate matters
- Landlord Tenant (Residential & Commercial), HOA and Construction Defect

Representative Arbitration Matters:

- Professional Fee Disputes including attorneys, accountants and other professionals; Prevailing Party Fee Awards (Ms. Halper is a fee dispute expert, serving as Vice Chair of the California State Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee and Deputy Chief Arbitrator for the State Bar on Fee Matters. In addition to private disputes, Ms. Halper regularly arbitrates fee matters for the San Diego County Bar Association.)
- Attorney Malpractice claims
- Business disputes including Breach of Contract, Franchise Agreement, Royalties
- Consumer matters including:
 - Consumer Fraud, Bus & Prof Code 17200 and 17500, et seq., Consumer Legal Remedies Act,
 - Unfair Competition Law, Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act
 - Implied Warranties of Merchantability and Fitness, Fair Claims Practices Act
 - Credit Card Agreement disputes, Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith & Fair Dealing, Fair
 - Credit Reporting Act, Rosenthal Act Credit, Lending disputes
 - Wireless Breach of Installment Service Contract disputes, Unauthorized Charges, Taking,
 - Conversion
 - Banking Violations including of Regulation E of Electronic Funds Transfer Act, Violations of
 - Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Invasion of Privacy, Breach of Retail Sales Installment Agreement,
 - Violations of the Rosenthal Act, Breach of Consumer Account Contract, Fraudulent
 - Misrepresentation, Negligent Misrepresentation, Lemon Law
 - Consumer Investment and Securities disputes including Breach of Contract, Breach of Covenant
 - of Good Faith & Fair Dealing, Fraud, Deceit, Negligent Misrepresentation, Negligence, and
 - Violations of Corporate Code 25401
 - Consumer Education including Breach of Contract, Family Education Right to Privacy Act, UCL,
 - Fraud, Negligent Misrepresentation and Breach of Contract
 - Breach Vehicle Retail Sales Installment Agreement
- Commercial Landlord Tenant disputes Partnership, Franchise, Breach of Commercial Contract
- Personal Injury in Auto accidents, including Underinsured Motorist
- Intentional Torts including Defamation and Slander, Tortious Interference with Contract, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
- Insurance Coverage Disputes, including Bad Faith, Title Ins, Travel Ins., Duty to Defend, Breach of Duty of Good Faith & Fair Dealing
- Property Damage, Subrogation, Negligence on Property
- Employment Matters

TEACHING EXPERTISE AND AVAILABLE CLE/LECTURES

Jobi Halper is a dynamic speaker who receives the highest reviews in all CLE and State Bar presentations. She is available for lecture and CLE training through ADR Services, Inc., a CLE provider. Ms. Halper is able to speak on a variety of subjects, and presentations can be arranged directly or through ADR Services,

Inc. A representation of subjects is below but Ms. Halper will work to create a presentation that best suits the needs of the intended audience.

Mediation & Arbitration:

“Mediation and Arbitration in Class Action Cases” 1.5 H
“Strategies for a Successful Mediation” 1 H
“How to draft Arbitration Clauses” 1 H
“Mediation and Complex Cases” 1 H
“Complex Litigation Mediation” 1 H
“ Ten Things Lawyers Love/Hate About Mediators” 1 H
“Class Action & Complex Attorneys Presentation” 1 H
“Personal Injury Plaintiff Attorneys Mediation Tricks” 1 H
“Tips for Successful Mediation and Arbitration”
“Class Action Arbitrations”
“Arbitration Clauses for Negotiators”
Bias subjects relating to negotiation 1-1.5 H Bias

Fee Disputes (Ethics Credit):

“Advanced training Fee Arbitrations” 2 H 1 Ethics
“Mediation Top 10” 1 hr Ethics
“Billing 101: Don’t Get Caught with Your Pants Down” 1.5 Legal Ethics
“Grace Under Pressure: Successfully Handling Fee Disputes” 1.5 Legal Ethics
“Tricky Law Firm Billing Issues: Its Not Easy Making Green” 1.0 Ethics
“Top 10 Things that Place Lawyers in Hot Water” 1.5 Ethics
“CMFA for Judicial Officers” 1 H Ethics
“Minefields in Fee Arbitration” 1.5 Ethics

COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Chair, California State Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee, Committee member since 2009, served as Vice Chair and Deputy Arbitrator
California State Bar Association
San Diego County Bar Association
Lawyer’s Club
Southern California Mediation Association

ADR TRAINING

Over 150 hours of Mediation advanced practice training and continuing legal education, including Confidentiality, Bias in Mediation, Video and Telephonic Mediation, Self-Represented Clients, Class Action and Complex Litigation, Working with Corporate Counsel, Self-Represented Attorneys, and Ethics in Mediation, Employment Mediation, and Appellate Mediation.

More than 50 hours of Arbitration advanced training and Judge Pro Tem training, Including Ethics, Sanctions, Damage Awards, Punitive Damage Awards, Class Action and Complex Cases, Drafting Arbitration Clauses and Enforcing Arbitration Clauses

More than 100 hours of Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Training and more than 20 hours of other Ethics training. In addition, countless hours of subject matter continuing legal education in various areas of mediation and arbitration practice.

ARTICLES AND BOOKS

“Ten Thing Lawyers Love/Hate about Mediators” ABA Litigation ADR Website 2011

“The Minefield of Fee Disputes: Its Not Just About Fees” with Malcolm Sher, Daily Journal April 10, 2015

“Class Actions: Controlling the Lion through Arbitration and Mediation,” to be published as part of ADR book by American Bar Association Section of Litigation, ADR Committee Fall 2010.

“Another Turn in the Class Action Arbitration Screw: Cert Granted in *AT&T Mobility* Case,” American Bar Association Section of Litigation, ADR Committee Webpage, June 2010

“Right to Bring Class Claims in Arbitration Dealt Blow by Supremes in *Stolt-Nielsen*,” Dispute Resolution Periodical, American Bar Association Section of Litigation, ADR Committee, June 2010, and Web page May 2010.

“The Ninth Circuit Finds AT&T’s Class Action Waiver Unconscionable in *Laster v. AT&T Mobility LLC*, Holding That The Federal Arbitration Act Does Not Preempt State Law Contract Defense of Unconscionability,” American Bar Association Section of Litigation, ADR Committee Webpage, Feb. 2010

“Halliburton/KBR Gang Rape Gives Employment Arbitration Provision Center Stage”, ABA ADR November 2009

“FINRA Expands Pilot Program To Benefit Investors,” American Bar Association Section of Litigation, ADR Committee Webpage, October 2009

“Trends in Arbitration,” American Bar Association Section of Litigation, ADR Committee Webpage

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

22 years of litigation and transactional expertise in Class Action, Consumer, Coverage Disputes, Employment Litigation, Banking and Credit, Civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, False Claims Act/Qui Tam, Entertainment disputes, Civil rights act cases, IPOs, M&A, Partnership and Corporate disputes.

2003-2009: **JoBeth Halper Litigation Group**, Class Action Litigator, Commercial Litigator, and Transactional Practice

1996-2003: **Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach** (Now Coughlin Geller Rudman & Dowd, LLP), Class Action Litigator

1993-1996: **Law Offices of Marc O. Stern**, Litigator

1990-1993: **King & Spalding**, Transactional Attorney and Litigator

EDUCATION

University of California at San Diego (B.A., Honors 1987)

University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., Order of the Coif, 1990)