



Cynthia Pasternak, Esq.

Mediator

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Cynthia has a well-deserved reputation as a highly skilled and effective mediator for more than 20 years, handling over 3,500 cases. An accomplished litigator at Pasternak, Pasternak & Alsbrook, ALC, she represented plaintiffs and defendants, specializing in personal injury, business, employment, healthcare, civil rights, government liability, construction and real estate. Cynthia brings her broad legal experience to ADR Services, Inc., where she mediates full-time at its Southern California locations. She also works at Loyola Law School as an Adjunct Professor teaching Mediation Advocacy and is Coach of its International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Team. Clients attribute her extraordinary settlement rate to thorough preparation, astute analysis, eminent fairness, sincerity, optimism, skilled negotiation, uncanny timing, her evidence-based approach and tenacity.

Among her numerous achievements are serving as Beverly Hills Bar Past President (7th woman in its 75-year history) and recipient of its most prestigious awards, MetNews' Person of the Year, Southern California Super Lawyer (11 years), Top Women Lawyers (So Cal), Top 16 Women ADR Professionals (So Cal), and MENSA Ltd., Inc. (Lifetime Member).

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Business & Commercial Contracts
- Civil Rights
- Construction
- Disability
- Employment/Wage & Hour
- Government
- Healthcare
- Malpractice
- Personal Injury/Product Liability
- Real Estate/HOA Disputes

(Case summaries available at www.pasternakmediations.com)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2017 – Present	Adjunct Professor of Mediation/Coach ICC Team, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
2013 – Present	Mediator, ADR Services, Inc. (Southern California locations)
1993 – Present	Pasternak, Pasternak & Alsbrook, ALC
1990 – 1993	Law Offices of Cynthia Pasternak; Of Counsel Herman & Wallach
1978 – 1990	Irwin, Hale & Jacobs
1977 – 1978	Law Offices of Edward L. Masry

EDUCATION

1976	Loyola Law School, J.D. (Law Review, Ninth Circuit Editor)
1973	University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. (<i>Cum Laude</i> , Chancellor's Marshall)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Top 16 Women ADR Professionals, Southern California
- Top Women Lawyers, Southern California
- Southern California Super Lawyers, Los Angeles Magazine
- President, Beverly Hills Bar Assn; Order of Distinguished Attorneys
- Louis E. Fox Award Exemplary Service, Beverly Hills Bar Association
- "Person of the Year," Metropolitan Daily News
- "Case of the Year," Los Angeles Superior Court, ADR; "Top Achiever," Los Angeles Superior Court, ADR; Mediation "Outstanding Case Award," County Board of Supervisors
- The Chancery Club
- MENSA, Ltd.

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SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION - MBC, Exec. Comm. (2010–2015); House of Delegates Rep.: LACBA (2013), California State Bar (2012), BHBA (2009); Health Law Section; Section of Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Ins. Practice; The Fellows of the ABA
- BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION – President (2005-06); Board of Governors (1996-2000; 2002-07); Health Law Section, Vice Chair, Exec. Comm. (2013–present); Conf. of Delegates, Chair (2002), Delegate (12 years); Labor & Employment Law (1998–present); Litigation Section, Vice Chair, Exec. Comm. (2016–present); Personal Injury Section (2013–present); Res. Comm., Chair (2001-02), Liaison (2002-03); Past Presidents Club, Chair (2006-08); Section on Conflict Resolution (1997-present); *Societas Reverenda*, Chair/Founder, Exec. Comm. (2010–present); Time-Life Management, Chair/Founder (2006–16)
- BREAKFAST CLUB (2003–present)
- CHANCERY CLUB (2006–present)
- L.A. MEDIATORS, Lifetime Member
- LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION - Board of Trustees (2003–04); Awards Dinner Co-Chair (2018); Installation Dinner Comm. (2016); 125th Anniv. Gala, Co-Chair (2002-03); Healthcare Law Section, Exec. Comm. (2014-2017); Labor and Employment Section; Litigation Section; Real Property Section
- LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, 40TH Reunion Co-Chair
- MENSA, Ltd., Lifetime Member
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEDIATION ASSN (SCMA) – Member (2001–present); Programs Comm. (2012-14); Sponsorship Co-Chair (2012-14)
- THE CHANCELLORS of CITY OF HOPE (2016-present)
- U.S. DISTRICT COURT, ADR Advisory Board (2011-present)

SELECTED LECTURES & SEMINARS

- "How to Succeed at Mediation," MCLE (2018)
- "Employment and Housing Discrimination Claims – Mediator's Perspective," Loyola Law School (2018)
- "Civility and Professionalism in the Practice of Law," Asian Women Lawyers (2017)
- "Negotiation - Planning for Success," Nossaman Women's Retreat (2016)
- "Mock Mediation," Loyola Law School, LA (2016)
- "Revising Confidentiality," UCLA Law School (2016)
- "Building a Successful Career in Tort, Trial and Insurance Law," ABA TIPS, Loyola Law School (2015)
- "Time-Life Management: Work-Life Balance for the 21st Century," MCLE (2014-17)
- "The Keys to Success in Mediation," MCLE (2014)
- "USC Mock Mediation," USC Gould School of Law (2014)
- "Back to Beepers: Tips from the Masters on Personal Injury Mediations," MCLE (2013)
- "What is a Mediator?" Freedom School, SS Wise (2012)
- "Effective Mediation Techniques," Long Beach Junior League (2009)
- "You Can Do It! Successful Women Lawyers Discuss Combining Family and the Law," State Bar of California (2009)
- "The ABC's of Work-Life Balance," American Bar Association (2008)
- "Raising a Family and Practicing Law: The Balancing Act," MCLE (2006)
- "Balancing Career & Family: A Work/Life Symposium," Beverly Hills Bar Association in collaboration with Pepperdine University Law Review (2006)
- "And Justice for All," Beverly Hills Bar Association, Barrister Community Outreach and Justice (2005)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL WRITINGS & COMMENTARY

- "Mediating a Minor's Personal Injury Claim," *Advocate*, page 114, *Plaintiff*, page 49, Aug. 2016
- "Revising Confidentiality," *Los Angeles Lawyer*, Dec. 2015
- "Mediators...Kind of Like Tour Guides," *Daily Journal, Verd. & Sett.*, page 2, Aug. 14, 2015
- "Time-Life Management Tips," BHBA Bar Brief Column, Feb. 2015 – present
- "Mid-Value Cases Get Short Shrift in Mediation," *Daily Journal, Verd. & Sett.*, page 2, June 28, 2013
- "Starting a Mediation Practice," *Los Angeles Lawyer*, E-Pub., Sept. 2008
- "How to Mediate Effectively with Insurance Carriers," *Advocate*, page 54, Jan. 2007
- "There's More to Civil Suits Than Monetary Damages," *Daily Journal Extra*, page 9, Apr. 14, 2003
- "Tenacity and Creativity: The Keys to Early Conflict Resolution," Feb. 27, 2003
- "So You Want a Jury Trial?" Nov. 21, 2001
- Contributor, Judicial Profiles at Los Angeles County Bar Association website, www.LACCBA.org