



HON. MICHELLE R. ROSENBLATT

Mediator • Arbitrator • Referee

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Hon. Michelle R. Rosenblatt (Ret.) mediates, arbitrates and is available to act in the capacity of a private judge and discovery referee on a wide range of civil cases. As a mediator, Judge Rosenblatt helps the parties settle their disputes through a combination of her thorough preparation, legal knowledge, extensive experience, intellect, calm approach, patience, persistence and low-key, empathetic personality. Since retiring from 23 years as a judge and joining ADR Services, Inc. in 2016, Judge Rosenblatt has established herself as a go-to neutral who has the work ethic, personality, tenacity and ability to resolve matters that are both factually nuanced and legally complex.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- FEHA cases involving discrimination on the basis of disability, race, gender identification, national origin and age; harassment, including sexual harassment and sexual assault; whistleblower retaliation; Wrongful Termination
- Wage and Hour violations, including allegations of misclassification
- Business litigation, breach of contract and business torts, including contract interference and theft of trade secrets
- Insurance litigation, including coverage; bad faith; billing fraud; qui tam litigation
- Real Estate, Landlord-Tenant, Habitability
- Legal Malpractice, Medical and Dental Malpractice
- Personal Injury and Product Liability, including catastrophic injury and Wrongful Death
- Civil Rights
- Construction Defect

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Neutral, ADR Services, Inc., September 2016-Present
Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, April 1996-July 2016
Judge, Los Angeles Municipal Court, January 1993-April 1996
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 1980-1993
Lowder & White, A Professional Law Corporation, 1978-1980
Law Offices of Richard G. Sherman, 1977-1978

AWARDS AND HONORS

Pearl S. Vogel President's Award, Valley Community Legal Foundation, 2016
Los Angeles Superior Court Certificate of Achievement, 2016
California Judges Association, President's Resolution, 2016
Judge of the Year, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, 2007
Los Angeles Superior Court Executive Committee, three separate two-year terms
Southwestern Law School Law Review, Note and Comment Editor

EDUCATION

Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, *Mediating the Litigated Case*, 2015
Southwestern Law School, J.D. 1977
University of California Los Angeles, B.A. *cum laude*, 1974

ASSOCIATIONS

California Lawyers Association (formerly California State Bar) Employment Section, Litigation Section
Association of Business Trial Lawyers
American Bar Association
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Labor and Employment Section
California Judges Association
Valley Community Legal Foundation, Board Member 2000 – 2016
Anti-Defamation League, Pacific Southwest Region Board Member

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ARTICLES

ABA Panelist on the Use of Experts Pretrial
Course presentations on Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession and Wheeler-Batson Motions
Guest Lecturer at Straus Institute Mediation Course
CAALA Panelist for Specialty Credits session on Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession
Recent articles include "Are you (truly) ready for trial in PI Department 1?", *The Advocate* (July 2017), and articles in *The Bench*

BIOGRAPHY

Judge Rosenblatt facilitated numerous settlements and presided over numerous jury and bench trials during her tenure on the bench. During her years presiding over an unlimited civil court in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Judge Rosenblatt handled a variety of civil case types, including sexual harassment and sexual assault; racial and disability discrimination; gender orientation harassment; wrongful termination; wage and hour violations including misclassification cases; business disputes, both breach of contract and business torts, including theft of trade secrets litigation; real estate actions; complex personal injury/product liability and wrongful death, including helicopter, bus and truck accidents; legal, medical, and architect malpractice; construction defect; habitability cases; clergy sexual molestation cases; civil rights/police misconduct; and ADA cases. While presiding over an unlimited jurisdiction civil court in the Burbank Courthouse, Judge Rosenblatt also oversaw a variety of personal injury, legal and medical malpractice cases.

Judge Rosenblatt began her career in 1977 as an associate in small firms handling criminal appeals, juvenile delinquency adjudications, and civil litigation. She joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in 1980 where she handled over 200 jury trials, including as a designated sexual assault prosecutor, a trial attorney in the Career Criminal Division and a trial attorney in the Organized Crime and Anti-Terrorist Division.

In addition to her courtroom duties as a judge, Hon. Michelle R. Rosenblatt participated in numerous Superior Court, California Judicial Research and Education, and California Judges Association committees. Notably, during her judicial career she was elected to the Los Angeles Superior Court Executive Committee for three separate two-year terms; served as the Vice-Chair of the Los Angeles Superior Court's Judicial Outreach Committee; served on several California Judicial Research and Education committees; co-chaired the Los Angeles Superior Court Civil Education at Lunch program; taught classes to judges both statewide and for the Los Angeles Superior Court Judges; served on the board and as Vice-President of the California Judges Association; served for five years as Editor-in-Chief of the California Judges Association magazine, *The Bench*; and served for two terms as President of the California Judges Foundation.