

Robert L. Friedenberg, Esq.Mediator | Arbitrator | Discovery Referee



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Robert L. Friedenberg, Esq., is a full-time mediator, arbitrator and discovery referee. Bob has 42 years of legal experience and 37 years of mediation and arbitration experience, the last 22 of which have been exclusively as a Mediator, Arbitrator, Discovery Referee, Special Master. He has handled over 2,500 cases through his years of experience, with a wide range of subject matters and case sizes. His cases have ranged from large, multi-party construction cases (public and private) with claims exceeding \$10 million, down to smaller value cases in a wide variety of civil matters. Bob's early experience as a secondary school teacher and coach before beginning his legal career has helped him succeed both as a trial lawyer and mediator working with regular people in a down-to-earth way.

Bob began his legal career in 1983, practicing all types of civil litigation in state and federal courts. While working in private law firms in the Bay Area and San Diego, he acquired significant experience handling numerous bench and jury trials in general civil and business litigation, including: construction claims and defect litigation (representing plaintiff associations, individual homeowners, developer/general contractors, and a wide variety of subcontractors); personal injury (plaintiff and defense); product liability; insurance; premises liability; professional E&O; real estate; employment; civil rights; and municipal liability defense.

In 2000, Bob opened his own independent mediation firm, Friedenberg Mediation, to focus exclusively on alternative dispute resolution. He subsequently joined ADR Services, Inc. in 2018. Bob is certified by the National Conflict Resolution Center and the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, and has served as a San Diego County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem since 1997.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Construction

- Residential and Commercial Construction Defect and Claims
- Mechanic's Liens and Bonded Stop Notice Matters
- Subrogation/Contribution Claims
- Pre-Litigation SB800 Claims

Real Estate

- Habitability Claims
- Transaction Disputes
- Title Insurance Coverage and Title Defect Claims
- Non-Disclosure Claims
- Agent and Broker Liability
- Commercial and Large Residential Landlord/Tenant
- Premises Liability

Real Property

Tree Disputes

- Boundary Line Disputes
- Easements
- o Inverse Condemnation

• Professional Liability of All Types

- o E&O Claims
- Architects and Engineers

Employment

- Hostile Work Environment
- Discrimination Claims
- Sexual Harassment
- Wrongful Termination
- Wage & Hour

Insurance

- Coverage and Bad Faith
- o Insurer v. Insurer Disputes
- Subrogation/Contribution

Business and Commercial Disputes

- Contractual Disputes
- Unfair Competition
- Trade Secrets/Intellectual Property

Product Liability

- Defective Products
- o Failure to Warn

Personal Injury

- o Auto
- o Premises Liability
- Catastrophic Injury and Wrongful Death
- Homeowner Association Disputes
- Civil Rights 1983 Claims
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2018 – Present	ADR Services, Inc.
2000 - 2018	Friedenberg Mediation; Law Offices of Robert L. Friedenberg
1983 - 2000	Private law firms in Oakland (1983-1985) and San Diego (1985-2000) handling civil matters for both plaintiffs and defendants
1993 - 1998	University of San Diego, School of Law, Paralegal Program, Instructor
EDUCATION	
1983	UCLA School of Law, J.D.
1978	UC Berkeley, B.A. in History and Secondary Teaching Credential
MEDIATION TRAINING	

National Conflict Resolution Center

- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution: "Mediating the Litigated Case"
- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution: "Mediating the Complex Case"