



# GERI GREEN, ESQ.

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Geri Green, Esq. is a full-time mediator and discovery referee. She has successfully mediated and presided over nearly 1,000 disputes in the areas of Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, Business, Employment, Real Estate, Landlord-Tenant, Insurance Coverage, Civil Rights & Disability Rights, Police Misconduct, Probate, and Elder Abuse.

## MEDIATION

Ms. Green is described as a “true neutral” who zeroes in on the strengths and weaknesses of a case with surgical precision. Her straight-forward approach and open-minded pragmatism generates the trust necessary for litigants to entertain the possibility of resolution and arrive at solutions. She is known for settling impossible cases by connecting with litigants and “bringing them on board for the ride.”

Ms. Green’s approach to dispute resolution is shaped by her diverse background – as a litigator representing both plaintiffs and defendants, as general counsel, and her owner/management experience in the hospitality industry. Her commitment to the settlement process is demonstrated by her early immersion in a case and connection with counsel. She works closely with the parties to realistically assess risks and impediments to resolution. Her thorough preparation, exceptional listening skills, and judicious, evenhanded approach leads to creative solutions for intractable problems.

As a Settlement Officer for the Superior Courts of San Francisco, Alameda, Marin, and Contra Costa, Ms. Green has conducted settlement conferences in most areas of the law and gained a reputation as one of the most successful settlement officers serving the Bay Area.

## DISCOVERY

Litigating early ESI cases, including the “largest [ESI] case ever filed in the Northern District,” Ms. Green developed expertise in E-Discovery matters, and even developed her own software and systems to manage them. As a discovery referee, she has presided over discovery matters in a wide variety of cases, such as family law, probate, personal injury, real estate, fraud, medical malpractice, construction defect, employment, civil rights, sexual harassment, and allegations of sexual abuse at educational institutions. Due to her extensive trial and appellate experience and evidence scholarship, she has the expertise to handle complex privilege claims and ESI matters. Ms. Green sits as Discovery Judge Pro Tem, Facilitator, Referee, and Special Master at courts around the Bay Area.

## AREAS OF EMPHASIS

- **Personal Injury/Insurance Coverage/Government Liability:**
  - Auto accidents
  - Wrongful death & catastrophic injury: brain, birth, burn and spinal cord injuries
  - Government tort/municipal liability
  - Nursing homes
  - Premises liability
  - Product liability

- Toxic tort
- Coverage & subrogation, UM/UIM, bad faith, SIU
- Labor Code Section 3852 third-party tortfeasor cases
- **Professional Liability/Malpractice:**
  - Medical
  - Hospital
  - Dental
  - Chiropractor
  - Psychiatric
  - Catastrophic injuries, birth injuries, surgical errors
  - Attorney
  - Real Estate Brokers
- **Business and Commercial:**
  - Fraud/misrepresentation
  - Intentional interference
  - Antitrust/unfair competition
  - Partnership disputes and dissolution
  - Real estate investor disputes
  - Commercial leases
  - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
  - Trade secrets
  - Industry expertise: hospitality, cannabis businesses, entertainment venues, golf courses, beauty products, fisheries and perishable goods
- **Employment:**
  - Wrongful termination
  - Discrimination & retaliation
  - Labor code
  - PAGA actions
  - Whistleblower
- **Civil Rights/Police Misconduct/Government Liability/ADA**
  - 1983 & Bivens
  - Title IX
  - Sexual harassment and abuse
  - Law enforcement
  - ADA
  - Premises liability
  - Unruh Act
- **Real Estate:**
  - Partition
  - Sales transaction disputes
  - Commercial and residential leases
  - Development contract breaches
  - Nuisance/quiet enjoyment/habitability
  - Construction defect
  - Wrongful foreclosure
  - HOA/CC&Rs
  - CEQA
- **Family/Elder Abuse/Conservatorships/Probate:**
  - Family: child custody and visitation, property disposition, child and spousal support

- Conservatorships & Probate Code § 1471
- Financial elder abuse
- Nursing homes
- Probate
- Trust management and disposition of assets.
- Developed expertise in crisis intervention, trauma management, families confronting substance abuse, and mental illness.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Gerri Lynn Green, Esq. - ADR (2015-present)**

- Ms. Green started her mediation practice in 2012, becoming a full-time mediator in 2015.

### **Principal, Green & Green (1987-2015)**

- Ms. Green handled a complex litigation practice, prosecuting and defending civil rights, employment, RICO, antitrust, injury, business torts, partnership dissolution and commercial disputes. She also worked with federal and state legislatures on policy, and internationally with United Nations Treaty Bodies to develop the framework for American NGOs to effectively utilize the international diplomatic process. She has significant industry expertise in all aspects of the hospitality industry, cannabis businesses, entertainment venues, golf courses, beauty products, fisheries and perishable goods.

### **General Counsel, Devereux Creek Properties and Ocean Meadows Golf Course (2000-2015)**

- Managed employment, contract, and commercial transactions & litigation
- Managed Environmental Impact Statement for planned residential development
- Managed construction of golf course/restaurant
- Managed California Coastal Commission & CEQA challenges
- Negotiated sale to trust for public lands
- Managed eminent domain dispute with UCSB

### **Owner, Taverna Aventine (2008-2019)**

### **Management, Entertainment/hospitality venues (1980-1990)**

### **Adjunct Professor, New College of Law, Evidence (1996-2000)**

## **EDUCATION**

- J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings College of the Law)
- L.L.M., International Law, Golden Gate University School of Law
- B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara
- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law
- More than 600 hours of ADR-related training

## **HONORS, MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Advisor, Bay Area Legal Incubator (BALI) holding monthly training for lawyers on ADR (2019-Present)
- Civil Settlement Officer & Discovery Judge Pro Tem for San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, Alameda Superior Courts
- Mediator: Third District Court of Appeal, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- ADR Administration Committee for the Alameda Superior Court (2021-Present)
- Board of Directors, San Francisco Pre-Trial Diversion Project

- Member, Bar Association of San Francisco, Contra Costa County Bar Association, Alameda County Bar Association, Women Lawyers of Alameda County
- Member, The Mediation Society
- Member, The Academy of Professional Family Mediators
- Arbitrator, FINRA, Kaiser
- Mediator, San Francisco Department of Police Accountability
- Adjudicator, San Francisco Neighborhood Courts
- Member & Past Board President, Community Boards
- Honored for 10 years by the San Francisco District Attorney for “her work and outstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for San Franciscans”
- Named a Super Lawyer in Civil Rights & ADR (2012-Present)
- Selected as a member of San Francisco Magazine’s Northern California Top Women Attorneys List in the field of Civil Rights (2012-2016)

### **TEACHING AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Geri Green is a frequent presenter at law schools, universities, continuing education seminars and programs for attorneys, including: University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings College of the Law), UC Berkeley Law School, Stanford, Golden Gate University, American Bar Association, Bar Association of San Francisco, Alameda County Bar Association, The Claremont Colleges, United Nations. Topics have included: evidence, discovery, electronic discovery, international law, negotiation & ADR related practice, RICO, Sexual Harassment and Abuse, Discrimination.