



HON. ANGELA M. BRADSTREET
Judge of the Superior Court (Ret.)



Available for Mediations

Hon. Angela M. Bradstreet (Ret.) joined ADR Services, Inc. in 2022 after over 11 years as a Judge of the Superior Court for the County of San Francisco. Judge Bradstreet spearheaded the Court's highly successful judicial settlements program and presided over Civil Trials and Settlements for the last six years of her judicial career. Recognized for her extraordinary ability to settle difficult cases, Judge Bradstreet was regularly entrusted to handle many of the Court's largest, most complex and emotionally charged matters. She has successfully settled/mediated hundreds of cases ranging from one of the largest-ever wage and hour class actions, to complex commercial, personal injury, mass torts, premises and products liability, sexual harassment, and discrimination cases. During her final two years on the bench alone, her remarkable talent of settling cases resulted in a savings of more than seven years in trial time for the Court. In addition to her settlement work, she presided over numerous jury and court trials. In 2017, Judge Bradstreet was honored by the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (SFTLA) as Judge of the Year. In 2023, Judge Bradstreet was honored by SFTLA as Mediator of the Year.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Bradstreet served as the State Labor Commissioner for over three years enforcing California's minimum wage and hours laws. Before that, she worked in private practice for 25 years at a major local law firm, and served as the firm's first woman firm-wide managing partner and one of the first LGBTQ managing partners in the Bay Area. Her litigation and trial practice focused on the areas of commercial and employment litigation. Judge Bradstreet was selected as one of the Top 75 Women Litigators in California in 2005.

Widely recognized as a pioneer for the advancement of women and LGBTQ equality in the legal profession and in the judiciary, Judge Bradstreet is a former President of the Bar Association of San Francisco, California Women Lawyers, and the Queen's Bench Bar Association. She is a recipient of the California State Bar's Diversity Award, the Minority Bar Coalition's Unity Award, the Anti-Defamation League's Jurisprudence Award, the Barristers Club Judges Award, the International Action Network for Gender Equity & Law Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from Queen's Bench Bar Association. She is also the recipient of the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the highest award given by the American Bar Association in recognition of accomplishments of women lawyers in the nation who have excelled in their field and been leaders in advancing women in the legal profession.

Judge Bradstreet has a Bachelor in Law degree from the University of Bristol, England, a Masters in Law from UC Berkeley School of Law, and an honorary doctorate degree in law from Golden Gate University.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Employment: With her unique background as the former California Labor Commissioner, Judge Bradstreet successfully mediates all types of employment cases including wage and hour class actions, whistleblower, sexual harassment, age, race, gender, sexual orientation, transgender and disability discrimination claims, and PAGA claims.

Personal Injury: Judge Bradstreet has successfully mediated numerous multi-party catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims, often with multiple cross-claims for contractual (as well as equitable) indemnity, in addition to numerous two-party personal injury claims.

Business/Commercial: Judge Bradstreet has successfully mediated the gamut of commercial litigation cases involving technology companies, lending institutions, health care plans, real estate and insurance brokers, the public sector, and numerous other businesses relating to claims of tortious interference, Bus. and Prof. Code 17200, violation of trade secrets and unfair competition, fraud, False Claims Act, Cartwright Act, breach of fiduciary duty, and other tort and contract claims.

Medical Malpractice: Judge Bradstreet reviews the actual pertinent medical records in order to gain a full understanding of how a jury will be likely to perceive the often complex facts in medical malpractice claims. This approach has been very effective in enabling both sides to appreciate the relative risks at trial.

Insurance Bad Faith: Judge Bradstreet drills down to the facts in the underlying case, which can be pivotal to assisting the parties evaluate a bad faith action. Her extensive experience working with insurance companies has often been invaluable in reaching a settlement.

Financial Elder/Dependent Abuse: Judge Bradstreet has successfully mediated cases involving financial elder/dependent abuse and disputed interpretations of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco (2010-2022)

State Labor Commissioner, State of California (2007-2010)

Associate, Equity Partner, and Managing Partner, Carroll, Burdick and McDonough (1981-2007)

Judicial Clerk, Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo (1980-1981)

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Mediator of the Year, San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association (2023)

Lifetime Achievement Award, Queen's Bench Bar Association (2019)

Amel Zenoune-Zouani Award, International Action Network for Gender Equity & Law (2018)

Judge of the Year, San Francisco Trial Lawyers (2017)

Appointed by the Chief Justice to the Strategic Evaluation Committee to evaluate the Administrative Office of the Courts (2011-2012)

Minority Bar Coalition's Unity Award (2011-2012)

Firm-wide Managing Partner, Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP (2001-2007)

Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, American Bar Association, Commission on Women in the Profession (2007)

Member, Bipartisan Northern California Federal Judicial Advisory Committee (2001-2010)

Northern California's Super Lawyers, San Francisco Magazine, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Top 75 Women Litigators in California, The Daily Journal (2005)

President's Community Advocacy Award, National Association of Women Business Owners (2004)

California State Bar Diversity Award (2003)

President, Bar Association of San Francisco (2002)

Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Golden Gate University Law School (2002)

Commencement Speaker, Golden Gate University Law School (2002)

Top 75 Most Influential Women in the Bay Area, San Francisco Business Times (2001)

Jurisprudence Award, Anti-Defamation League (1998)

Rella Lossey Professional Achievement Award (1997)

President, California Women Lawyers (1992-1993)

Member, California Lawyer Advisory Editorial Board (1994-1996)

Appointed by San Francisco Superior Court to serve on its Settlement Panel and appointed by Bar Association of San Francisco to the Employment Mediation Panel

Created and Co-Authored, Sexual Harassment Policy Guidelines for Employers, California Women Lawyers and the Bar Association of San Francisco (1992)

Co-Chair, Women Rainmaker's Committee, American Bar Association (1991-1992)

President, Queen's Bench Bar Association (1989)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Participant, "It Gets Better" Initiative, Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (June 2011)

Founder, BASF's No Glass Ceiling Task Force (2002)

Founder, Advancement of Afghan Women Scholarship by BASF and Golden Gate University Law School (2002)

Co-Founder and Chair, BASF's Womentoring program to help low-income women gain entry into the workplace

Led the successful effort that in 2003 resulted in the California Supreme Court amending the Commentary in the Judicial Canons of Ethics to require judges to disclose memberships in organizations that exclude women and racial minorities, or gays and lesbians

Led Bar Association of San Francisco delegation to World Women's Conference in Beijing (1995)

President, Board of Permit Appeals, City and County of San Francisco (1994-1996) and Member (1992-1994)

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Judge Bradstreet has published numerous articles for the American Bar Association, the Recorder, the Daily Journal, Federal Lawyer, San Francisco Attorney, and other legal publications. She is regularly engaged as a speaker and panelist on topics including diversity in the legal profession, advancing and promoting women attorneys, overcoming bias, cutting edge issues in employment law, negotiation skills, and mediation best practices.

For a complete list of Judge Bradstreet's publications and speaking engagements, please visit her website at www.JudgeBradstreet.com.