



STEVEN M. SEPASSI, ESQ.

MEDIATOR



With over 25 years of experience as a skilled litigator, Steven M. Sepassi, Esq. is a highly accomplished professional in handling a wide range of legal matters, including personal injury, school liability, real estate, landlord-tenant, commercial, and insurance cases. Known for his unwavering tenacity and civility, he consistently demonstrates a fair and respectful approach to mediating and resolving disputes, reflecting his successful tenure in private practice.

Mr. Sepassi began his legal career as a sole practitioner. Immediately upon taking the oath, he singlehandedly took charge of a high-stakes trial involving a contract dispute in the federal court. Over the next seventeen years, he tirelessly advocated for individuals and companies across a diverse range of legal matters, such as personal injury, real estate, landlord-tenant, commercial, and insurance cases. Simultaneously, he generously dedicated his time to volunteering as a mediator and temporary judge for the Los Angeles Superior Court. In 2012, Mr. Sepassi co-founded the law firm of Sepassi & Tarighati, LLP. Alongside their existing caseload, the firm began representing insured defendants, primarily charter schools, in general liability school claims. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Sepassi has skillfully handled an array of cases ranging from small, personally impactful cases to large multimillion-dollar disputes, including vehicle accidents, product liability, catastrophic injuries, and wrongful death.

Born in Iran, Mr. Sepassi relocated to the United States at the age of seventeen with the goal of pursuing higher education. Settling in Missouri, he quickly embraced the core values of the Midwest, including hard work, kindness, and honesty. These principles undoubtedly contributed to his assertive yet fair approach in mediating disputes, as he embraces the "show me" mentality.

After obtaining his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Missouri, School of Engineering, Mr. Sepassi relocated to Los Angeles in 1981. His higher education journey continued as he pursued a doctorate-level degree in engineering at the University of Southern California. Soon after completing his studies at USC in 1985, he joined Rockwell International Space Division as a software engineer.

Later on, while running a successful mortgage company and raising a family with his wife, he decided to pursue a law degree. In 1995, he successfully obtained his law degree and embarked on his legal career.

In addition to his extensive legal experience, Mr. Sepassi brings a deep understanding of business and partnership issues and diverse life experiences that allow him to connect with the disputing parties and find common ground in his mediation practice. He positions himself as the village elder between the disputants, a position that both sides of the bar have come to appreciate and respect.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury

- Catastrophic Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Public Entities
- School Liability
- UM/UIM

Real Estate

- Purchase Transactions
- Broker/Agent Liability
- Fraud & Non-Disclosure
- HOA Disputes
- Landlord/Tenant
- Habitability

Business/Commercial

- Contract Disputes
- Partnership Disputes
- Buyer/ Seller Disputes
- Lease Disputes

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, CA
- E.D., University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- M.S., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- B.S., University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- United States District Court, Central District of California, Mediator Panel
- Ventura County Superior Court, ADR Panel
- Los Angeles County Superior Court, Former ADR Panel
- Los Angeles County Superior Court, Former Temporary Judge
- California Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate District, Mediator Panel
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Southern California Mediation Association
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association (Trustee, 2017-2023)
- Iranian American Lawyers Association (President, 2000-2001)