



Lori B. Sanford, Esq.

Current Employer-Title Lori Sanford Law, PC – Arbitrator, Mediator, Litigator
Laser Leasing Company, LLC - Administrator

Experienced in using online platforms including Zoom. Willing to conduct arbitrations and mediations via videoconference or teleconference.

Profession Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator, Administrator

Work History Attorney, Lori Sanford Law (formerly Lori B. Sanford Mediation Services), 2009-Present; Administrator, Laser Leasing Company LLC, 2006-Present; Administrator, Sanford Medical Corporation, 2000-2016; Adjunct Professor, La Sierra University-Zapara School of Business, Fall 2017 & 2018; Senior Trial Attorney, Kelly Hodukavich and Goldberg (in-house counsel Royal Sun Alliance), 1994-2000; Associate, Law Office of Michael H. Manning, 1992-1994; Associate/Law Clerk, Morton Schlegel Stone and Manning, 1990-1992.

Experience Attorney with more than 31 years experience litigating civil matters for the defense and plaintiff bar. Former insurance defense litigator and senior trial attorney for an in-house law firm. Recent work involves civil motion practice, business litigation and personal injury litigation.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience Has served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") on the following panels: Consumer, Commercial, Employment and Mediation Panels. Superior Court of California, County of Riverside Court appointed arbitrator and mediator. Court Ordered Mediation panel. Trial Assignment Mediation panel assigned to resolve disputes immediately before jury selection. Desert Bar Association Vice President and Chair of the Mediation and Judicial Liaison Committees. Riverside County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Service Mediation panel.

Subject matter experience in the following areas:

BUSINESS: breach of contract, business ownership, partnership dissolution, business valuation, business property dispute, conversion, joint venture and collections.

FINANCIAL: services, management fee dispute, misappropriation of funds, diminished value, loss of use, lemon law.

HEALTHCARE: buy sell agreements, equipment purchase, warranty contracts, business asset disposition, equipment rental contracts.

EMPLOYMENT: discrimination, wage and hour, wrongful termination, sexual

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harassment, retaliation.

CONSTRUCTION: construction defect, breach of contract, failure to disclose, latent defects, mechanic's lien, leasing of heavy equipment.

TORTS: motor vehicle, slip and fall, professional liability, medical, dental and legal malpractice, dog bite, product liability, property damage, premises liability, wrongful death, assault and battery.

REAL ESTATE: failure to disclose, property defects, HOA disputes, mold, California Association of Realtors Mediation Panel.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

ACE 22 - Process Essentials for AAA Arbitrators, 2022; Mediation and Arbitration of Disputes Arising Under the California Real Estate Purchase Act, 2022; ACE21 Impartiality: Do You Know Where Your Biases Are? 2021; AAA Managing Cases with Self-Represented Parties, 2021; AAA Best Practices for Arbitrators in Expedited/Fast Track Arbitrations, 2021; AAA Managing Arbitration Discovery to Preserve the Benefits of Arbitration, 2020; AAA Dispositive Motion Practice in Arbitration, 2020; ACE20 Cyber Security: A Shared Responsibility, 2020; Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for New AAA Arbitrators, 2019; AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards, ACE01, 2019; Basic Fee Arbitrator Training, 2019; State Bar of California Local Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration Administrator's Training, 2019, 2020; The Devil's in the Details: A Litigator's Guide to Dispute Resolution, 2018; Getting the Most out of Mediation, 2014; Turning the State Budget Crises into Opportunity for ADR, 2013; Pepperdine University School of Law, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Mediating the Litigated Case, 2009.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: New York (1995), Connecticut (1994), California (1991); U. S. District Court: Central District of California (1991), Eastern and Western Districts of New York (1995); U.S. Supreme Court (1995).

Professional Associations

Superior Court of California, Riverside County Arbitration and Mediation panels, Administrator First Friday Voluntary Settlement Conference program; Riverside County Bar Association; Desert Bar Association, California Association of Realtors Mediation panel; Resolute Systems Mediation panel; State Bar of California, New York and Connecticut.

Education

La Sierra University, Zapara School of Business (MBA, customized concentration in Healthcare Management-2017); University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (JD-1991); University of California, San Diego (BA-1984).

Publications and Speaking Engagements

"ADR as the Pathway to Reducing Case Numbers," Riverside County Bar Association DRS 2019 article; "Mediating in a Bad Economy" Riverside County Bar Association DRS 2010 article; "2025 Future Practice of Law" Inns of Court presentation 2013; "How to have an Effective Mediation" Riverside County Law Library MCLE instructor 2014; "An Ounce of Mediation" Inns of Court presentation 2014; "The Future of Mediation and the Current and Future Status of Court Sponsored Mediation" Inns of Court presentation 2014; "Future Trends:

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Healthcare and the Law" Eisenhower Medical Center MBA presentation 2015.
"Conducting Remote Mediations," Superior Court of California, County of
Riverside, ADR presentation 2020.

Awards and Honors

Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, Certificate of Appreciation Top
10 Civil Mediation Panel member; Superior Court of California, County of
Riverside, Certificate of Appreciation for dedicated service to Court ADR
programs; Palm Springs Life magazine, Top Lawyers edition, Arbitration and
Mediation category, 2017-2021.

Citizenship
Languages
Locale

United States of America
English
Palm Desert, California, United States of America

Compensation

Cancellation Period: 0 Days
Comment: Compensation rates, established by the AAA, are set forth
in the applicable Consumer Arbitration Rules.

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