



Denise Asher is on NCRC's Employment, Personal Injury and Superior Court Mediation Panels.

In practice, Denise represented injured consumers primarily in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, and personal injury. Having seen the benefit of alternative dispute resolution during her tenure as a trial attorney, Denise decided to change the focus of her practice towards serving the legal profession and community as a full-time mediator. Denise's approach to mediation recognizes that every party and case are unique, and believes her role is to help fashion a process which works to the benefit of everyone involved.

RESOLUTION EXPERTISE

- Successfully mediated disputes in the following types of cases:
 - Medical Malpractice
 - Personal Injury
 - Employment Law
 - Contract Disputes
 - Community / Neighborhood
 - Landlord / Tenant
 - Homeowner's Association
 - Civil Harassment
- Member of the San Diego Superior Court Civil Mediation Panel
- Serves as a Judge Pro Tem for the San Diego Superior Court, Small Claims Division
- Over 100 hours of mediator skills training including successful completion of National Conflict Resolution Center's Mediator Credentialing Program, as well as completion of Pepperdine University's "Mediating the Litigated Case" course
- Participated in over 50 mediations as plaintiff's counsel in complex medical malpractice, personal injury, and products liability cases

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Personal Injury: Motor vehicle occupant, cyclist, and pedestrian claims, including multi-party cases, and those with issues concerning causation, preexisting injuries, and comparative negligence; lien claims by health care providers, insurance and work comp carriers, and governmental entities; claims based on dangerous condition of roadway; slip and fall, tripping hazards, falling objects, and other premises liability claims; dog bite claims; injuries due to exposure to toxic chemicals; battery claims, including those against uninsured individuals; mold contamination claims.

- Professional Negligence: Medical malpractice including claims regarding improper diagnosis, treatment and/or surgery by physician; hospital and nursing negligence; elder abuse and neglect, including claims against skilled nursing facilities and home health care workers; veterinary malpractice.
- Employment Law: Whistleblower/wrongful termination in violation of public policy; discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims; wage and hour claims including claims for unpaid overtime and rest and meal breaks.
- Pre-Litigation Employment / Organizational / Community Disputes: Dispute between community college supervisor and employee based on discrimination and retaliation; dispute between homeowner's association, employee and owner; dispute between homeowners' association and owner regarding personal v. common area boundaries; neighbor dispute over property lines, view, and access; landlord/tenant dispute regarding quiet enjoyment of property.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Asher Mediation, 2008-Present
- Partner, Strauss & Asher, 1995- 2007
- Associate/Paralegal, Monaghan & Strauss, 1986 - 1995
- Legal Secretary/Paralegal, 1977 - 1986

SPECIAL HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- AV Rated in Martindale Hubbell – 2006 to Present
- Named to San Diego Super Lawyer® List – 2008, 2009
- Named a Top Attorney San Diego County, Daily Transcript – 2007, 2009
- American Inns of Court, Welsh Inn – Master, 2007 to Present
- San Diego Inn of Court – Workshop Leader, 2006 to Present; Elected to Board of Directors, 2010
- Outstanding Trial Lawyer Awards – 2000, 2003, 2007
- Thomas Jefferson School of Law – Outstanding Alumnus of the Year – 2004 (Inaugural Recipient)

EDUCATION

- Thomas Jefferson School of Law, JD, Summa Cum Laude, 1994
- National Conflict Resolution Center, Mediation Skills Training Course and Mediator Credentialing Program
- Mediating the Litigated Case, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law

FEES

- Superior Court Civil : \$150 per hour for each of the first two hours, \$450 per hour thereafter
- All other: \$450 per hour, with a \$150 filing fee per party