



**Julie Cobalt, Esq.** is on NCRC's Employment/Workplace, Homeowner Association, Insurance/Personal Injury/Property Damage, Real Estate, and Superior Court Mediation Panels.

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Ms. Cobalt's legal background is varied and extensive. She possesses comprehensive, practical experience in dispute resolution and in her role as a neutral. Ms. Cobalt has mediated over 800 cases since 1998 including complex issues, multiple parties, and high dollar cases in a wide variety of areas including mediations in Spanish.

## **RESOLUTION EXPERTISE**

- Has conducted over 800 mediations since 1998 involving a wide variety of subject matter including:
  - Medical malpractice
  - Personal injury
  - Insurance
  - Property damage
  - Business/Contract
  - Community/Neighborhood
  - Employment
  - Landlord/Tenant
  - Homeowner Association
  - Guardianship
  - Civil Harassment
- Conducts evidentiary hearings for the San Diego County Housing Commission and Housing Authority
- Arbitrates for the County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use on violations of zoning ordinance and regulatory codes
- Trains and evaluates mediators for the National Conflict Resolution Center
- Adjunct Professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- Member of the San Diego Superior Court Civil Mediation Panel
- Volunteer mediator for the San Diego Office of the City Attorney, Criminal Division, Dispute Resolution Office
- Guided hundreds of mediations to resolution by applying elements of both a facilitative and evaluative approach
- 200 hundred hours of dispute resolution training from the National Conflict Resolution Center

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

- Business disputes within corporations and partnerships, and among businesses, including complex commercial transactions involving franchising, professional liability, real estate, bankruptcy, debt restructuring, insurance, and partnership dissolution
- Employment disputes including allegations of breach of contract, wage and hour violations, and discrimination based on race and age
- Medical malpractice resulting from negligent plastic surgery
- Community and neighborhood disputes including multiple party actions against an adjoining landowner for failing to evict a nuisance tenant
- Criminal misdemeanor including battery, assault, property damage, restitution, harassment and reconciliation of a victim and an offender in rape cases
- Homeowner association disputes including compliance with CC&Rs, restoration of property resulting from a sewage flood, view restrictions, and penalty violations
- Family and Parent/Teen disputes of highly emotional family relationships and issues
- Property disputes including division of property between longtime partners
- Landlord/Tenant disputes including breach of implied warranty of habitability, property damage, failure to return a security deposit and constructive eviction
- Property damage resulting from motor vehicle accidents, vandalism, excavation
- Guardianship over the placement of two minor children whose father had murdered their mother and then committed suicide
- Civil harassment between neighbors who had threatened to kill one another and vandalized one another's property
- Personal injury including a civil battery and assault case between former professional wrestlers, a slip and fall injury to a mother and subsequent loss of her baby, and physical damages resulting from ingesting contaminated water

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Private law practice in San Diego since 1997, specializing in small claims matters and civil litigation involving a wide variety of matters including, but not limited to, motions, consumer, personal injury, property damage, landlord/tenant, real estate and contract. Litigated over 1,000 small claims appeals in all of the San Diego Superior Courts. Frequently handle cases in Spanish.

**SPECIAL HONORS  
AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Mentor for University of San Diego law students interning for the National Conflict Resolution Center at San Diego Small Claims Court
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- State Bar of California
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the San Diego County Bar Association

**EDUCATION**

- California Western School of Law, J.D., 1997
- Monterey Institute of International Studies, M.A., 1991
- Hamline University, B.A., magna cum laude, 1989

**FEES**

- HOA: \$750 for 3 hours, \$250 for each additional hour
- Superior Court Civil : \$150 per hour for each of the first two hours, \$300 per hour thereafter
- All other: \$300 per hour, with a \$150 filing fee per party