



**Lee Lawless is on NCRC's Divorce Mediation Panel.**

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Ms. Lawless is a Certified Specialist in Family Law with over 25 years of experience in San Diego. She was a District Court Mediator for the State of Maine in Family Law, Landlord-Tenant Law and Small Claims. Her private practice has been dedicated to all forms of law which apply to families: Divorce Mediation; Collaborative Divorce; Litigated Divorce; Conservatorships; Juvenile Dependency; and Minors counsel in Family and Guardianship venues. She has served the State Bar as Chair of the Family Law Advisory Commission and the County Bar as a Judge pro tem and a Settlement Judge.

**RESOLUTION  
EXPERIENCE**

Ms. Lawless is experienced in mediation and litigation of:

- dissolution of marriages
- domestic partnerships
- paternity
- guardianship
- child custody
- family issues relating to conservatorships

**TRAINING**

- Divorce Mediation Training, Joan Kelly 1993
- Art & Practice of Mediation, NCRC, 2008
- Continuing Education Mediation courses, University of Southern Maine, 2008

**REPRESENTATIVE  
CASES**

- Cases with real and personal property issues, support issues (child and spousal), child sharing issues, businesses and retirement issues and tracing of separate property assets and liabilities.
- Cases dealing with the custody issues surrounding children in Guardianships, High Conflict Custody disputes in Dissolutions.

- Cases dealing with family member concerns in the conservatorship of elderly family members.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- NCRC Divorce Mediation Panel, 2009 to present
- Certified Family Law Specialist, CLS-F, Attorney at Law, Sole Practitioner in Family Law and Mediation, 1975-present
- Mediator, District Courts of Maine 2008-2009
- Led and participated in several seminars on Child Support, Divorce Mediation, Domestic Violence, Family Law and Therapy, Family Court Orientation, Role of Minors counsel and various family law related topics.
- Internship attorney for law students at Cal Western School of Law

## **SPECIAL HONORS AND MEMBERHIPS**

- Judge pro tem in Family Court
- Family Law Settlement Panel Judge
- Past chair of Family Law Advisory Commission, State Bar of California which establishes criteria for specialization and writes specialization exam in Family Law
- Founding member and past Chair of Counsel for Minors Sub-Committee of the Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar.
- Founding member of the San Diego County Task Force on Domestic Violence.
- Member Certified Family Law Specialists Committee, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member and past Chair, California Law Advisory committee of California Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of California. 2000-2004
- Member and past Chair, San Diego County Bar Association Family Law Section and Fee Arbitration Committee
- Member Ad Hoc Committee on Family Court blending juvenile and family courts
- Member National Association of Counsel for Children

## **EDUCATION**

- Western State University, College of Law (now Thomas Jefferson School of Law)
- Undergraduate work at University of South Dakota and San Diego State College
- Between 20 and 80 hours of additional continuing education each year in the areas of family law, custody, mediation, and elder issues