



Timothy G. Riley, Esq. is on NCRC's Probate Mediation Panel.

Mr. Riley has many years of focused experience as a Certified Legal Specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law, with a practice that is limited to probate and trust related matters. Drawing from his specialized background, Mr. Riley is exceptional at resolving complex and highly emotional probate disputes.

RESOLUTION EXPERTISE

- Extensive and specialized experience as a neutral in the areas of:
 - Trust and will contests
 - Estate planning
 - Probate and trust distribution
 - Disputes between beneficiaries and fiduciaries
 - Estate/gift tax controversies
 - Contested petitions to establish conservatorships or guardianships
 - Creditors' claims disputes
- Court-appointed referee and counsel in probate matters
- Successfully mediated dozens of highly emotional and complex probate matters
- Facilitative approach to mediations, with evaluative qualities applied when deemed necessary
- Mediation Skills Training from the National Conflict Resolution Center

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Controversies arising from estate or trust administration including:
 - Disputed accountings
 - Fiduciary appointment or removal
 - Fiduciary fees
 - Characterization or valuation of assets
 - Various petitions under PC§850 and §17200

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Of counsel to Branton & Wilson, APC, 2004 – present
- Shareholder, Branton & Wilson, APC, 1994 – 2004
- Certified Legal Specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of California in estate planning, trust and probate law

**SPECIAL HONORS
AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Rated “AV” by Martindale-Hubbell
- Past Co-Chair of San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law section
- SDCBA, Section Committees on Local Probate Court Rules, including new rules governing Probate mediation Program, member since 1991
- Frequent CEB and SDCBA speaker on numerous estate planning and probate topics

EDUCATION

- University of Wisconsin, J.D., 1984
- University of Wisconsin, B.A., 1981

FEES

- \$300 per hour, with a \$125 filing fee per party