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Doug Barker

Overview

Doug Barker was a very active and highly successful civil litigator from 1980 to 2014, both as a shareholder at San Diego's largest law firm, and, thereafter, as the managing partner of a full-service civil litigation firm. As a trial lawyer, he represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of cases.

In addition to his litigation practice, Mr. Barker has been extremely active as an arbitrator and mediator for over 30 years. Beginning in 1984, he was a frequent arbitrator of cases referred by the court under the California Rules of Court. During the late 1990s, he trained to become a mediator and commenced his highly successful mediation practice. With time, that mediation practice grew until it became his exclusive professional area of practice.

In addition to his background as a lawyer, arbitrator, and mediator, Mr. Barker possesses broad academic achievements and life experiences that enable him to understand and empathize with the parties and issues in mediation. He was Editor-in-Chief of the San Diego Law Review, a holder of a number of advance degrees, an officer in the United State Army, and a college and high school teacher and coach. He presented more than 125 seminars on litigation and ADR skills.

To date, Mr. Barker has served as mediator in over 2,000 cases.

Rates

Superior Court Ordered Civil Mediations:

- Civil Limited: \$150 per hour for each of the first two hours and \$450 per hour thereafter.
- Civil Unlimited: \$250 per hour for each of the first two hours and \$450 per hour thereafter.

HOA Mediations:

- \$800 flat rate for up to three hours
- \$450 per hour thereafter
- \$125 per party administrative fee

All Other:

- \$450 per hour
- \$195 non-refundable administrative fee

Legal Career & Prior Experience

- Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich (now DLA Piper), 1980 to 1994 -- Shareholder
- Barker Olmsted & Barnier, 1994 to 2014 -- Shareholder
- Mediator at NCRC and West Coast Resolution Group, 1999 to present
- Law School Professor, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Education & Professional Affiliations

- B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara, 1969 (History)
- M.A., University of Missouri, 1970 (History)
- M.A., California Lutheran University, 1975 (Education)
- J.D., University of San Diego, 1980 (Cum laude)

ADR Experience & Specialties

Trained as a mediator at NCRC, Pepperdine University, and the American Bar Association.

Specialties:

- Commercial disputes (including contract, dissolutions, professional negligence, insurance, etc.)

- Construction (including defect, contract, and lien enforcement)
- Employment – all areas
- Personal injury (including wrongful death and medical/dental malpractice)
- Real estate (including purchase/sale, landlord/tenant, easements, environmental, etc.)

Achievements & Awards

- Editor-in-Chief, San Diego Law Review, 1980
- “AV” rating, Martindale-Hubbell, since 1989
- “Top 10 Attorneys in San Diego,” San Diego Magazine, 2005
- Master, American Inns of Court, Lopardo Chapter, 2011 to present

Hobbies & Interests

- Former college football player and high school teacher/coach (football and baseball)
- Youth sports coach since 1993

Recent Articles

- “Serious About Settlement in Mediation?” The Adjuster (Publication of the San Diego Insurance Adjuster Association), April 2003
- “Settle or Not, Mediation is Well Worth the Time and Money to Both the Lawyer and the Client,” West Coast Resolution Group website (www.westcoastresolution.com), July 2010
- “An Effective Negotiation Strategy,” West Coast Resolution Group website (www.westcoastresolution.com) , July 2010
- “Why It Is in the Best Interests of Lawyers Always to Take Their Cases to Mediation,” West Coast Resolution Group website and newsletter (www.westcoastresolution.com), December 2011 through February 2012

Recent Press

- Listed at “Top Lawyer,” San Diego Magazine, 2015
- Organizer and presenter in well over 100 presentations on various subjects related to litigation skills, mediation, and negotiation techniques.

If you would like to see a copy of Mr. Barker's full CV, please contact Kathy Purcell at KPurcell@westcoastresolution.com.

To schedule a mediation, please call Case Manager Kathy Purcell at 619-238-7282 or email Doug Barker at dbarker@westcoastresolution.com.