



**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 \$500 per hour thereafter.
- Civil Unlimited: \$250 per hour for each of the first two hours and \$500 per hour thereafter.

HOA Mediations:

- \$800 flat rate for up to three hours

- \$500 per hour thereafter
- \$500 per hour for brief review
- \$150 per party administrative fee

All Other:

- \$500 per hour
- \$225 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**

- “When and How to Settle Pre-Filing Cases,” West Coast Resolution Group website and newsletter ([www.westcoastresolution.com](http://www.westcoastresolution.com)), February-March 2018
- “Homeowners Association Cases: Why Settlements of This Kind of Case Must Be Different,” West Coast Resolution Group website and newsletter ([www.westcoastresolution.com](http://www.westcoastresolution.com)), May 2018
- “What Can I Do to Keep My Employees from Suing Me?” West Coast Resolution Group website ([www.westcoastresolution.com](http://www.westcoastresolution.com)), February 2019
- “Mediating Pre-Litigation Real Estate Disputes,” West Coast Resolution Group website ([www.westcoastresolution.com](http://www.westcoastresolution.com)), December 2019
- “Implicit Bias in Jury Trials,” North County Bar Magazine, August 2020

## **Recent Press**

- Listed at “Top Lawyer,” San Diego Magazine, 2015 and 2017
- Organizer and presenter in well over 100 presentations on various subjects related to litigation skills, mediation, and negotiation techniques.

**If you would like a copy of Mr. Barker’s full CV, please contact Kathy Purcell at [KPurcell@westcoastresolution.com](mailto: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](mailto:dbarker@westcoastresolution.com).**