



**Merrienne Dean, Esq.  
Mediator**

**OVERVIEW:**

Merrienne Dean has nearly three decades of courtroom experience litigating probate and trust disputes, financial elder abuse matters, conservatorships and business disputes. She has served as a court-appointed attorney representing developmentally disabled and elderly individuals who are the subject of conservatorships before the probate court.

She has been a mediator with West Coast Resolution Group since January 2020, and focuses her mediation practice on disputes involving Probate, Trust Administration, Conservatorships and Financial Elder Abuse. In addition to her mediation practice, Ms. Dean also serves as a Mandatory Settlement Conference Officer for the San Diego Probate Court, helping parties resolve disputes before the court.

Merrienne believes parties who need help to resolve a dispute are well served by the mediation process. This is particularly true when a party has a real need to be heard, to “have their day in court,” or simply to have the benefit of input from a neutral with experience in their type of case. Mediation with a trained mediator provides a forum where core motivations and desires can be identified and creative solutions can be explored to ensure the clients have a satisfying resolution of their dispute.

**RATES:**

- \$450 per hour
- \$300 per party administrative fee

**ADR EXPERIENCE & SPECIALTIES:**

- Probate Mediation Program – Thomas Jefferson School of Law 2014-2018
- Probate Settlement Conference Judge Pro Tem – San Diego Superior Court 2009-Present

**SPECIAL HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Outstanding Service Award – San Diego Superior Court, Probate 2012
- Fay Stender Award – California Women Lawyers – 2019

**EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- Thomas Jefferson School of Law, JD 1994
- National Conflict Resolution Center – Theory and Practice of Mediation 2015

**HOBBIES & INTERESTS:**

Scuba Diving, Gardening, Camping and Backpacking

To schedule a mediation, please contact Case Manager Veronica Montenegro at [vmontenegro@westcoastresolution.com](mailto:vmontenegro@westcoastresolution.com) or 619-238-2400 x259. To reach Merrienne Dean directly, please email her at [mdean@westcoastresolution.com](mailto:mdean@westcoastresolution.com).