

DB Mediation Services



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Biographical:

Daniel Ben-Zvi (pronounced "BenzVee") is well respected as a mediator. He is 1 of 32 "Power Mediators" worldwide on the Hollywood Reporter 2007 List. He has resolved more than 1,400 disputes. Mr. Ben-Zvi, admitted to five Bars, draws on 20 years as a multi-state trial lawyer to resolve complex, high-stakes cases. This "warrior-turned-peace-maker," as the Daily Journal described him, brings a unique blend of determination and creativity to ending bitterly fought lawsuits.

Mr. Ben-Zvi is co-author of a book "Inside the Minds – Alternative Dispute Resolution" [Aspatore Press, Boston 2004]. He writes articles and frequently lectures on dispute resolution to organizations of mediators, attorneys, law schools and others. Mr. Ben-Zvi, who writes creatively -- not just mediates creatively -- was a writer on the television show "L.A. Law."

Mr. Ben-Zvi appreciates the unique perspectives of plaintiff and defense. Throughout his litigation career, Mr. Ben-Zvi represented both plaintiffs and defendants. In 1981, Mr. Ben-Zvi began practicing law in Connecticut at Ribicoff & Kotkin. He was with the Washington DC law firm of Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Shepard for 10 years.

At the 2005 annual conference of the Southern California Mediation Association [SCMA], Mr. Ben-Zvi led the panel "Role of Attorneys in Mediation" with the Presidents of two of California's largest opposing trial lawyers associations -- the plaintiffs' trial attorneys [CAALA] and the association of defense counsel [ASCDC]. At the SCMA's 2004 annual conference, he led the "Entertainment Mediation" panel.

Education:

- J.D., Cardozo School of Law, 1981
- B.A., Rutgers University, 1978 (Honors, Economics)

Experience:

- Mediated over 1,400 cases at DB Mediation Services and on the panels of ADR Services, Inc.(ADR Services), Alternative Resolution Centers (ARC), Advantage Arbitration & Mediation Services (AAMS), Institute of Conflict Management (ICM), and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- Honored at Southern California Mediation Association's (SCMA) annual Employment Mediation Conference, 2005.
- Judge Pro Tem [temporary assignments] of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, beginning 2002.
- Co-Author of "Inside the Minds - Alternative Dispute Resolution" (Aspatore Books, Boston 2004).
- Author of articles on mediation and litigation topics, including an overview of mediation, "The Mediation Revolution" (CLA, CA; 2004).
- Judge -- National Negotiation Competition, American Bar Association [ABA], Law Student Division
- Lecturer on mediation topics at Southern California Mediation Association's annual conferences and its other seminars.
- Lecturer on mediation topics at Los Angeles and San Francisco area Bar Associations, community groups, graduate and law schools including UCLA , Loyola and Pepperdine's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- Lecturer on 'Mediation in the Real Estate Industry' to various associations.
- Keynote speaker on Mediation in the Film and Television Industry at the 2004 annual conference of California Lawyers for the Arts and panelist on 'Intellectual Property Disputes' at its 2005 annual conference.
- Lecturer at annual conventions of the Association of Community College Trustees.
- Featured Mediator on radio including "The Dennis Prager Radio Show" and CBS Radio's "Business Hour."
- Featured Mediator on television including "Saving the American Dream, " "Law Talk" and consultant mediator expert on ABC news.
- Consultant for setting up Conflict Management Systems for various businesses, including on-line internet industries.

- Chairman of "LA's Annual Mediation Day" for the Mayor and City Council of Los Angeles to promote awareness of mediation.
- Annual participant in "Master's Forum" at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, where mediation training completed.
- Litigator [beginning 1981] at law firms based in Connecticut [Ribicoff & Kotkin], Washington DC [Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Shepard] and California.
- Extern [1980 – 1] for Bankruptcy Judge Burton Lifland [Federal Bankruptcy Court, Southern District New York].
- Admitted to the Bars of California, New York, Washington DC, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

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San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Ventura

CASE EXPERIENCE

Daniel Ben-Zvi, Esq. has experience in settling the following civil matters:

ADA Disability	Insurance	Product Liability
Anti-Trust	Landlord / Tenant	Professional Fees
Commercial/Business	Libel & Slander	Real Property
Construction	Local Government	Technology
Contract Disputes	Media & Communications	Torts
Eminent Domain	Medical Malpractice	Trusts
Employment	Negligence	Workers Compensation
Entertainment	Partnerships	Workplace
Franchise	Personal Injury	Wrongful Death
Health Care	Probate	