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“Ms. Barr not only worked the attorneys, she worked the clients, and as a result of her outstanding efforts, a case which had no hope of settlement was settled. She was pleasing to work with, quite knowledgeable, and extraordinarily accommodating.”

John Gantus, Esq.

Introduction

Eleanor Barr began practicing law 16 years ago as a litigator of complex civil cases. In 1999, she established herself as a full-time mediator and has since built a thriving mediation practice specializing in legally and emotionally complex cases.

Eleanor’s success at settling cases attests to her skill at distilling complex legal issues, her decade-long litigation experience, and her ability to defuse the emotional issues that often underlie conflict. Over the years, Eleanor has developed a highly effective mediation style that emphasizes communication, legal clarity and a tenacious commitment to reaching resolution.

Litigation Experience

Eleanor was a named partner (under her maiden name, Oths) at Denney & Oths in Glendale, California where she focused on business, environmental and employment litigation. Prior to that, Eleanor was an associate at Glassman & Browning where she litigated in the areas of entertainment and First Amendment law. She has represented corporate and individual clients, as plaintiffs and defendants, in all stages of litigation including mediations, arbitrations, trials and appeals. Eleanor’s experience in litigating complex, multi-party lawsuits has been instrumental in her ability to resolve such cases as a mediator.

Achievements, Affiliations, and Education

Eleanor is a member of the International Academy of Mediators and co-chairs the ADR Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California. She is a mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Court and for the California Court of Appeal.

Eleanor is active in educating lawyers and mediators about mediation. As a former director of the Southern California Mediation Association, she has organized and lectured at Southern California Mediation Association's Annual Conference at Pepperdine University and has helped improve the Los Angeles Superior Court Mediation Program by writing mediation guidelines and checklists for mediators and judges. She is a frequent lecturer on mediation and negotiation for state and local bar associations and for private law firms.

She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University and obtained her law degree from the Indiana University School of Law.

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RESUME

MEDIATION AND LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation Offices of Eleanor Barr, 1999-present

Partner, Denney & Oths, Glendale, CA, 1996-1999 (Associate from 1993-1995)

Associate, Glassman & Browning, Beverly Hills, CA, 1990-1992

MEDIATION PANELS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member, International Academy of Mediators, 2003-present

Co-chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California, 2003-present

Mediator, California Court of Appeal Panel, 2002-present

Mediator, Los Angeles Superior Court Panel, 1999-present

Director, Southern California Mediation Association, 2001-2002

Co-Chair, Southern California Mediation Association Conference at Pepperdine University, 2001-2002

Co-Chair, Courts Committee, Southern California Mediation Association, 2002

Barrister, American Inns of Court, 1997-2002

SPEAKING AND WRITING

Speaker, "Strategies for Successful Negotiations in Business Mediations," Sections Education Institute Conference, State Bar of California, 2005

Speaker, "Understanding and Overcoming Bias in Mediation," ADR Section for Orange County Bar, 2004

Speaker, "Cutting Edge Issues in Mediating Disability Disputes," Annual Conference, Southern California Mediation Association, 2004

Speaker, "Mediating Entertainment Disputes," Annual Conference, State Bar of California, 2003

Speaker, "Mediating the Litigated Case: It's Not Just About The Money," Southern California Mediation Association Conference at Pepperdine University, 2003

Speaker, "Careers in Mediation," Loyola Law School, Disability Mediation Center, 2002

Author, Keynote Speaker Profile: Professor Leonard Riskin, *Southern California Mediation Association News*, 2002

Speaker, "Improving Your Resolution Rates in Mediation," Southern California Mediation Association Conference at Pepperdine University, 2001

Speaker, "Ethical Issues in Mediation," Inns of Court, George McBurney Business Litigation Section, 2001

Co-Author, "Increasing Your Mediation Resolution Rate," Los Angeles Superior Court pamphlet, 2001

Co-Author, "Increasing Your Mediation Resolution Rate," *Southern California Mediation Association News*, August and October 2000

Co-Author, *California Environmental Law Handbook*, Government Institutes, 1994, 1995, and 1997

Author, "Lessor's Inspection of Contaminated Leaseholds: A Right or Duty?," *Los Angeles County Bar Environmental Section Newsletter*, Fall 1995

Speaker, "Alternative Theories of Hazardous Waste Litigation," State Bar of California, Section Education Institute, 1994, 1995

EDUCATION

J.D., Indiana University Law School, Bloomington, IN, May 1989

B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, May 1986

Phi Beta Kappa

MEDIATION TRAINING

Pepperdine University, Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution

Mediating the Litigated Case

Masters' Forum

Expanding Mediation, Mindfulness and the New Grid

L.A. County Bar, Basic Mediation Training

University of California, Mediation Training

Center for Conflict Resolution, Mediation Training

Concur, Negotiating Effective Environmental Agreements

California Court of Appeal, Advanced Mediation Training