



Lol Sorensen

Attorney/Mediator

"The settlement was very beneficial to the parties and, in my opinion, constituted a personal triumph for Mr. Sorensen."

"I commend you for your dedication, demeanor and persistence. You are a true professional with a special talent for this line of work."

"[Y]ou are the first mediator I have met in this area that has taken your art to its highest level."

Lawrence "Lol" Sorensen brings a wealth of experience and a rare blending of legal and human service skills to a mediation practice emphasizing complex probate, business, personal injury and employment litigation. An AV-rated lawyer with more than 30 years of experience, Lol tried numerous cases in state and federal courts and argued cases to the California Court of Appeal and Supreme Court before focusing on mediation. Lol is known for his diplomacy, creativity, wit and a collaborative approach to mediation. With training and experience in social work as well as law, Lol is equally comfortable in addressing the human dynamics as well as the legal complexities of litigated matters. Lol served as a Settlement Master for the Santa Barbara Superior Court for more than a decade before developing a mediation practice in 2002. He has an excellent record of settling cases. He also frequently serves as an arbitrator, special master or referee in litigated matters.

Education: UC, Berkeley (A.B., Philosophy, 1973); San Diego State Univ. (M.S.W., 1976); Santa Barbara College of Law (J.D., Magna Cum Laude, 1983).

Experience: Sorensen ADR (2015 – present); Rubenstein & Sorensen Mediation (2007 – 2014); Partner, Mullen & Henzell, LLP (1988 – 2006); Associate, then partner, Bargiel & Carlson (1983 – 1987); Clients' Rights Advocate, Tri-Counties Regional Center (1979 – 1981); Program Coordinator, Tri-Counties Regional Center (1977-1979).

Mediation Training includes: Straus Institute, Pepperdine University (1998, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012); Center for Social Gerontology, University of Michigan (2005); Conflict Management Institute (2002 and 2005).

Professional and Community Service includes: President, William L. Gordon Inn of Court; President, Central Coast Alzheimer's Association; President, Tri-Counties Association for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc.; Secretary, Rehabilitation Institute at Santa Barbara; Member, Board of Directors, Santa Barbara County Bar Assn.; Member, Santa Barbara Bench & Bar Committee; Member, Santa Barbara County Financial Abuse Specialist Team.

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