

# ELDERCARE MEDIATOR QUESTIONNAIRE

## A. BASIC INFORMATION:

**LOCATION(S):**

**"I WILL MEDIATE IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATION(S)":  
LIST AT LEAST ONE STATE, THE STATE WHERE YOUR OFFICE IS LOCATED,  
AND ANY ADDITIONAL STATES OR METROPOLITAN AREAS OUTSIDE OF  
THE FIRST STATE LISTED. NOTE YOUR TRAVEL COSTS.**

I will mediate in Los Angeles County, California. I do not charge for travel time within 20 miles of my office.

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**LANGUAGES SPOKEN FLUENTLY:** English

**FEES PER HOUR & OTHER FEES (EG. TRAVEL):**

\$350 for mediation and preparation time.

**DO YOU HAVE MEDIATOR MALPRACTICE INSURANCE?** Yes

## B. BACKGROUND:

**OVERVIEW OF BACKGROUND**

**(PRIMARY PROFESSION, ETC. MAXIMUM 50 WORDS):**

Certified Specialist Attorney in Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law. Licensed to practice in all California courts. Also admitted to practice in Federal Court and the Federal Court of Appeals. Member of California State Bar, Trusts & Estates Section, American Bar Association, Real Property and Probate Section. PVP Panel member in the Los Angeles Superior Court and ADR Settlement Officer member Los Angeles Superior Court.

**GENERAL MEDIATION EXPERIENCE (MAX 30 WORDS):**

I have handled many probate and trust mediations over the last 16 year. My experience as a litigator in the above areas helps me with spotting potential areas for settlement in cases which may be impossible.

**NUMBER OF MEDIATED DISPUTES (ANY KIND--MINIMUM 5 TO BE LISTED):**

over 25

**NUMBER OF MEDIATED DISPUTES INVOLVING HIGH-CONFLICT FAMILY**

**MEDIATION:**

Over 25

**ELDERCARE MEDIATION EXPERIENCE: NUMBER OF EM DISPUTES MEDIATED:**

5 or More

**NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE MEDIATED: 16**

**GERIATRIC EXPERIENCE (MAX 30 WORDS):**

I am a licensed attorney and a majority of my clients are elderly people. I have extensive experience as a court appointed attorney in Conservatorship cases involving geriatric care of clients and in defense of many conservatees.

**OTHER**

**(EG. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH FAMILY DECISION MAKING REGARDING PARENTS, ETC. MAX 30 WORDS):**

I believe that most elder care cases involve family dynamics which are not often obvious when a dispute arises.

**C.  
EDUCATION, ASSOCIATIONS, AND LICENSES/MEDIATOR  
REGISTRIES:**

**EDUCATIONAL DEGREE(S), MAJOR(S), & INSTITUTION(S):**

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. 1988

Whittier School of Law, J.D. 1991

Golden Gate University School of Law, LLM, (Taxation), 1998

1992-Admitted to Practice in All California Courts

1992-Federal Court- Central District of California

1992-Federal Court, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS: MEDIATION**

**(IF ASSOCIATION FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION (ACR), INCLUDE WHETHER PRACTITIONER MEMBER), GERIATRIC, THERAPIST, LEGAL, ETC. (MAX 30 WORDS):**

State Bar of California, Trust & Estates Section

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Trusts & Estates Section

Beverly Hills Bar Association- Trust & Estates Section

San Fernando Valley Bar Association

American Bar Association

**MEDIATOR REGISTRIES/CERTIFICATION/LICENSES**

**(NOTE IF YOU RECEIVED ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS) (MAX 30 WORDS):**

Los Angeles Superior Court ADR Settlement Officer Member

**D.**

**TYPES OF ELDERCARE MEDIATION DISPUTES THAT YOU WILL  
MEDIATE:**

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY & CHECK TYPES OF EM DISPUTES THAT YOU  
HAVE ALREADY MEDIATED:**

<b>WILL</b>	<b>HAVE</b>
Quality of Life	Quality of Life
Housing	Housing
Car Keys, Driving & Transportation (limitations on driving, testing, transportation to medical appointments, friends, social events & church)	Car Keys, Driving & Transportation (limitations on driving, testing, transportation to medical appointments, friends, social events & church)
Caregiving (division of duties, relief for caregivers, level of care needed, planning vacations for parents & caregivers)	Caregiving (division of duties, relief for caregivers, level of care needed, planning vacations for parents & caregivers)
Financial Decisions	Financial Decisions
Working through Family Fights (improving sibling relationships, learning communication skills, & working as a team)	Working through Family Fights (improving sibling relationships, learning communication skills, & working as a team)
Geriatric Assessment	Geriatric Assessment
Wills, Trusts & Estates (planning, distribution of assets, & resolution of family disputes)	Wills, Trusts & Estates (planning, distribution of assets, & resolution of family disputes)
Division or Sale of Farms, Businesses & Property	Division or Sale of Farms, Businesses & Property
Powers of Attorney & Avoiding Guardianship	Powers of Attorney & Avoiding Guardianship
Health Care Decisions	Health Care Decisions
Emergency Decisions	Emergency Decisions
Planning Ahead for End of Life Decisions (funeral planning & Advanced Directives (Living Wills/Life Prolongation, organ donation preference, appointment of health care representatives)	Planning Ahead for End of Life Decisions (funeral planning & Advanced Directives (Living Wills/Life Prolongation, organ donation preference, appointment of health care representatives)
Resident Injury, level of care, & Wrongful Death	Resident Injury, level of care, & Wrongful Death
<b>Other (List):</b>	
None Listed	None Listed

**E.  
MEDIATION TRAINING:**

**TRAINING IN BASIC MEDIATION  
(MINIMUM 40 HOURS OF GENERAL MEDIATION TRAINING):**

**NOTE TYPE (FAMILY, CIVIL, COMMUNITY MEDIATION OR OTHER, TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS, TRAINERS)**

**PVP Panel Training Los Angeles County, CA**

**TRAINING RECEIVED IN ELDERCARE MEDIATION:  
NOTE TITLES, TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):**

**NBI Seminars: Speaker on Elder Care and Elder Law Matters**

**TRAINING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: NOTE TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):**

**Ongoing training by the Colorado Bar Association in Family Law contexts.**

**SUMMARY OF OTHER ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING:  
NOTE TITLE(S), TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS & TRAINERS (MAX 30 WORDS):**

**I have been are trainer for National Business Institute, in the areas of Probate, Elder Law and Elder Care.**

**WERE YOU A TRAINER FOR ANY NOTED ABOVE? Yes  
IF SO, LIST HOURS:**

**F.  
MODELS AND PROCEDURES USED AS A MEDIATOR:**

**MODEL(S) OF MEDIATION USED PRIMARILY:  
DIRECTIVE**

**TYPE(S) OF MEDIATION SESSION USED (NOTE ALL YOU USE, THEN FOR EACH CATEGORY, LIST YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH):**

<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	
<b>HIGH</b>	<b>IN-PERSON WITH SOME PARTICIPATION BY CONFERENCE CALL</b>
<b>MED</b>	<b>MEDIATION BY CONFERENCE CALL</b>
<b>NONE</b>	<b>ONLINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (MEDIATION WITH VIDEO COMPONENT)</b>