



## DANIEL BEN-ZVI, ESQ.

Daniel Ben-Zvi (pronounced "BenzVee") is a respected mediator and arbitrator. One of 32 "Power Mediators" worldwide [*Hollywood Reporter*, 2007], he has mediated more than 1,700 disputes. Mr. Ben-Zvi, admitted to five Bars, draws on 20 years as a multi-state trial lawyer and more than 10 years as a mediator and arbitrator to resolve complex disputes. This "warrior-turned-peacemaker", as *The Daily Journal* describes him, brings a unique blend of persistence and creativity to ending bitterly fought lawsuits.

Mr. Ben-Zvi co-authored a book, "*Inside the Minds—Alternative Dispute Resolution*", writes articles and lectures on dispute resolution. Mr. Ben-Zvi's creativity even led him to be a writer on the television show "L.A. Law".

### EDUCATION

- 1981 JD, Cardozo School of Law
- 1978 BA, Rutgers University (Honors, Economics)

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Mr. Ben-Zvi has mediated and arbitrated **over 1,700 cases** on the panels of ADR Services, Alternative Resolution Centers (ARC), Institute of Conflict Management, World Intellectual Property Organization and DB Mediation Services.

### WRITINGS

- Author, "*Nine Ways for Counsel to Prepare for Mediation*" *Daily Journal*, April 8, 2011
- Co-Author, "*Inside the Minds - Alternative Dispute Resolution*" (Aspatore Press; Boston 2004), Co-authors include J. Brian Casey, Baker & McKenzie and Judith Korchin, Holland & Knight.
- Author, articles on mediation and litigation topics, including an overview of mediation "*The Mediation Revolution*" (CLA, CA; 2004).
- Profiled several times as Featured Neutral in the *Daily Journal*; 2001, 2005 and 2008.

### SPEAKING

- Lecturer at Southern California Mediation Association's annual conferences and seminars at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University.
- Lecturer on mediation and law topics at Bar Associations of LA, SF, Ventura; Law Firms; Law Schools of UCLA, Loyola, Southwestern; Nonprofits, including Association of Community College Trustees; Office of the City Attorney of Los Angeles.
- Lecturer on "*Mediation in the Real Estate Industry*".
- Keynote speaker, California Lawyers for the Arts' annual conference [2004] on Mediation in the Film and Television Industry and panelist in other years.

- Lecturer on “Pop Culture and the Media – Its Effects on Justice”. Featured Mediator on television including “Mediation Behind Closed Doors”, “Saving the American Dream”, “Law Talk” and consultant Neutral on ABC news.
- Featured Mediator on radio including "The Dennis Prager Show" and “The CBS Business Hour”.

## **AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

- Distinguished Fellow, International Academy of Mediators.
- *Chairman, "City of Los Angeles Annual Mediation Awareness Week"*, on behalf of the Mayor and the City Council of Los Angeles to promote mediation, since 2005. Annual speech given by Daniel Ben-Zvi on status of dispute resolution in televised City Hall session, together with leaders in the legal, political and mediation communities.
- *“Power Mediator”* 1 of 32 Best International List, *Hollywood Reporter*.
- Diplomat Member, California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.
- Honoree, Southern California Mediation Association's (SCMA) annual Employment Mediation Conference, 2005.
- Admitted to the Bars of California, New York, Washington DC, New Jersey, and Connecticut.
- Participant, *“Master’s Forum”*, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- Participant, *“Harvard Negotiation Initiative Institute”*, Harvard Law School.

## **JUDICIAL AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- Judge *Pro Tempore*, Los Angeles Superior Court, from 2002.
- Judge, Annual National Negotiation Competition, American Bar Association, Law Student Division.
- Litigator representing plaintiffs and defendants, law firms based in Connecticut (Ribicoff & Kotkin) and Washington, DC and California (Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Shepard).
- Extern, Bankruptcy Judge Burton Lifland, Federal Bankruptcy Court, Southern District New York, 1980-1981.

## **CASE EXPERIENCE**

Daniel Ben-Zvi, Esq. has experience as a neutral in the following civil matters:

Bankruptcy	Insurance	Personal Injury / Torts
Commercial/Business	Intellectual Property	Probate
Construction	Lemon Law	Product Liability
Contract Disputes	Landlord/Tenant	Professional Fees
Employment	Libel & Slander	Real Property
Entertainment	Medical Malpractice	Technology
Franchise	Negligence	Trusts and Estates
Health	Partnerships	Workers Comp
Government		