



**JOBI HALPER, ESQ.**  
Mediator • Arbitrator



Jobi Halper, Esq. offers an outstanding combination of substantial dispute resolution experience, true talent as a neutral, and an impressive twenty-year practice that established her as a top class action and complex litigation attorney nationwide, during which time she participated in countless mediations and arbitrations. Jobi Halper has been a full time neutral, offering arbitration and mediation services, since 2008. She is known for her problem-solving skills, intelligence, flexibility, tenacity, and ability to relate to and work with every client and attorney who comes before her. Jobi Halper's success rate in resolving cases in mediation is outstanding, and as an arbitrator she is known for her commitment to work diligently in her cases, her ability to quickly understand important issues, and her adeptness at moving cases through discovery and to a hearing and award. One of Ms. Halper's strengths in dispute resolution is her vast experience during her years in legal practice, where she represented plaintiffs and defendants in matters involving class actions, employment cases, contracts, corporate disputes, banking, credit card transactions, fraud, RICO, false advertising, consumer matters, entertainment and more.

She is the American Bar Association's Section on Litigation Alternative Dispute Resolution Editor of the web, a resident expert for the her section on Class Action Dispute Resolution, the author of the Class Action Dispute Resolution chapter in the ABA Section on Litigation's upcoming ADR book, and sits by appointment on the State Bar of California Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration. Ms. Halper publishes extensively on dispute resolution matters most relevant to litigators.

Ms. Halper has trained extensively as a Neutral, through the Pepperdine School of Law Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, the American Arbitration Association, the State Bar of California, the National Conflict Resolution Center and other relevant training programs.

#### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

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- **Class Action:** all types of class actions: Class Action Fairness Act, complex discovery disputes, claims process and settlement administration, fee disputes, objectors, class proceedings.
- **Commercial Disputes:** commercial matters, contract disputes, partnership and agency disputes, internal corporate disputes, shareholder derivative suite, board of director disputes, closely held corporation matters, shareholder squeeze-outs and freeze-outs, and insider trading matters, franchise matters and unfair business practices.
- **Employment:** wage/hour, overtime, meal and break, & exempt employee class actions, commission disputes, employment contract disputes, harassment, retaliation and race/sexual/religious discrimination claims.
- **Insurance Sales Practice and Administration:** individually and on a class-wide basis, including: health insurance, automobile insurance, life insurance, annuities, homeowner policies, burial policies and disability policies.

- **Consumer Claims:** false advertising, Business and Professions Code 17200 and 17500, contract of adhesion, late fee, cancellation, and fraudulent sales claims.
- **Product liability:** class medical monitoring and individual claims.
- **Civil Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act**
- **False Claims Act/Qui Tam**
- **Entertainment:** disputes relating to the sports industry and ticket sales.
- **Civil rights act cases**
- **Banking Disputes:** consumer banking, letter of credit claims, bank-to-bank transactional disputes and credit card claims.
- **Personal Injury & Defamation**
- **Transactional:** initial public offerings, mergers, acquisitions, private placements, public offerings, website usage, contract drafting, revisions to corporate structure.
- **Attorney-Client Fee Disputes**

**Panels:**

ADR Services, Inc.  
American Arbitration Association  
San Diego Superior Court  
Orange County Superior Court  
Riverside Superior Court  
Los Angeles Superior Court

**APPOINTMENTS, TEACHING, LECTURING AND PUBLICATIONS**

Ms. Halper was appointed in 2010 to the State Bar of California Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration.

Jobi Halper regularly lectures on a wide variety of ADR issues both publicly, including the ABA's Corporate Counsel section, and for many medium and small private firms, concerning drafting arbitration clauses, effective arbitration, mediation tips, mediating and arbitrating in class action and complex cases, and the Class Action Fairness Act. Ms. Halper served as an adjunct professor at the California Western School of Law on Partnership and Agency matters.

Ms. Halper writes extensively as the Editor for the American Bar Association, Section on Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution Webpage, and for Conflict Management Magazine. Ms. Halper is the author of the Class Action chapter in the ABA Section on Litigation's new Alternative Dispute Resolution book.

**Recent Articles include:**

District Court Stays Consumer Arbitration Matter Pending Supreme Court Decision, October 2010

Another Turn in the Class Action Arbitration Screw, June 2010

Right to Bring Class Claims in Arbitration Dealt Blow by Supreme Court in Stolt-Nielsen, May 2010

### **ADR PANELS, AFFILIATIONS AND POSITIONS**

ADR Services, Inc., Mediator and Arbitrator, Specialty Panels for Class Action, Contracts and General Business, Complex Litigation, Employment, Insurance Coverage Bad Faith, Personal Injury, Products Liability, and Wage & Hour.

American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator  
San Diego Superior Court, Mediation Panel  
Riverside Superior Court, Mediation Panel  
Los Angeles Superior Court, Mediation Panel  
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Settlement Officer  
San Diego County Bar Association, Fee Dispute Mediator & Arbitrator  
American Bar Association, Section on Litigation, ADR Committee; State Bar of California, ADR Section

### **ADR TRAINING**

Pepperdine University School of Law Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, National Conflict Resolution Center, American Arbitration Association, State Bar of California, and a variety of CLE programming relating to ADR throughout California.

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

2003-2009: Private Practice as Class Action and Commercial Litigator and transactional attorney, Mediator and Arbitrator  
1996-2003: Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach (now Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins), Class Action Litigator  
1993-1996: Law Offices of Marc O. Stern, Litigator  
1990-1993: King & Spalding, Transactional Attorney and Litigator

### **EDUCATION**

University of California at San Diego (B.A., Honors) 1987  
University of Maryland School of Law (J.D., Order of the Coif) 1990