



JAMES M. MCKANNA, ESQ.

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

James M. McKanna, Esq. was professionally trained at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine School of Law. He has mediated over 150 matters and arbitrated in excess of 100. He has been a seminar speaker on alternative dispute resolution matters for the Los Angeles Superior Court and Southern California Mediation Association.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal injury	Insurance & subrogation
Wrongful death	Professional liability
Toxic torts	Real estate
Construction defect	Public entity actions
Premises and product liability	Commercial/business

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Law & Mediation Office of James M. McKanna, Newport Beach, California

Practice devoted primarily to Alternative Dispute Resolution (i.e. mediation, arbitration and early neutral evaluation) as well as the handling of civil litigation and non-litigated civil matters.

Harrington Foxx Dubrow & Canter, Orange, California

High-exposure litigation matters such as commercial trucking, products liability, commercial and residential premises liability, landlord tenant, mold infestation, construction defect, *E. coli* contamination, residential real property disputes, HOA, lemon law, subrogation, fraud, and Plaintiffs personal injury. Cases were venued in Los Angeles, Orange, Madera, Fresno, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County State Courts.

Law Offices of James Patrick Zurawski, Orange, California

Caseload in excess of 40 construction defect matters on behalf of subcontractors from preparation of pleadings, through discovery and mediation.

Borton Petrini & Conron, Bakersfield, California

Partner with statewide civil practice firm. High-exposure construction defect, personal injury, and wrongful death matters as well as cases pertaining to automobile and uninsured motorist; premises and product liability; medical and dental malpractice; toxic torts; Federal tort claims litigation; public entity work; attorney, architect, engineer and real estate broker malpractice; cargo and inland marine claims; wrongful termination; property damage matters; business litigation; first and third party insurance claims; fraud investigation; and collection disputes.

Somers Hall Verrastro & Kern, Torrance, California

Coordinated and developed on a nationwide basis strategies and case plans for Honda Motor Co., Inc in order to achieve uniform case handling of Honda's all terrain vehicle litigation. Managed litigation through inter-facing with local trial counsel. Provided input to Consumer Product Safety Commission regarding guidelines for all terrain vehicles

Early Maslach Leavey and Nutt, Los Angeles, California

House Counsel for Farmers Insurance Group, responsible for numerous litigated cases involving personal injury, property damage, premises liability, uninsured motorist and subrogation.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AFFILIATIONS

- ADR Services, Inc.
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles list of approved mediators
- Pro-Bono and Per Pay panels of Los Angeles County Superior Court
- Arbitration panel of Riverside and San Bernardino County Superior Courts
- Arbitrator and Mediator for California State Contractor's Licensing Board
- Commercial and Construction panels of American Arbitration Association
- Resolute Systems, LLC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Center for Resolution LLC

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Southern California Mediation Association
- Orange County Bar Association, ADR and litigation sections
- ADR Section of the American Bar Association

EDUCATION

ADR Training	Pepperdine University , Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution
Juris Doctorate	Southwestern University School of Law , graduated top 10%
BA <i>Cum Laude</i>	University of California Los Angeles , Deans List, Beta Theta Pi

PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Eagle Scout Award, Stephen Minister, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, California; AYSO coach and age division coordinator
- Scholarship Committee, UCLA Alumni Association