



KEITH M. PARKER, ESQ.

Mediator

Keith Parker, Esq. practiced business litigation in California and Federal Courts for nearly 30 years before becoming a fulltime ADR professional.

Formerly a partner with Latham & Watkins representing large employers in discrimination and wrongful termination litigation and large government contractors in civil and criminal investigations, Mr. Parker is a partner of Smith Silbar & Parker. There, he emphasized representation of insurers in disability, health and life insurance benefits disputes with insureds and contract disputes with medical providers; and representation of individuals and small businesses in contract, employment, partnership and trade secret/unfair competition disputes.

ADR EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

2008 – Date Volunteer Mediator, US District Court, Central District of California
2009 & 2010 Straus Institute at Pepperdine University, “Advanced Mediation Skills”
2008 Straus Institute at Pepperdine University, “Mediating the Litigated Case”
1996 – 2004 Volunteer Arbitrator, OCBA Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Mr. Parker’s mediation and litigation career has included many areas of civil practice:

Business: Contract disputes, including medical provider and real estate contracts; partnership disputes
Insurance: ERISA, bad faith, and coverage disputes in disability, health, life insurance involving businesses, doctors, healthcare providers, insureds
Employment: Discrimination (all types), wrongful termination, whistleblower
IP: Trade secrets and unfair competition disputes
Government: Defective pricing, inadequate performance, inadequate quality assurance
Tax: Income and property tax disputes arising from business/property valuation issues (built-in-gain; ownership change; contamination; and intangibles)
Probate: Disputes regarding formation and administration of conservatorships and trusts

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1994 – 2010 Partner, *Smith Silbar & Parker*
1983 – 1994 Partner/Associate, *Latham & Watkins*
1982 – 1983 Clerk, Hon. George E. MacKinnon, United States Court of Appeals (DC)
1975 – 1979 Environmental Scientist, Wisconsin Power & Light Company (Madison)

EDUCATION

1982 JD, Summa Cum Laude from Northwestern University School of Law
1974 BS (Chemistry), Summa Cum Laude from University of California, Los Angeles