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Full-Time Independent Mediator in Private Practice, since 1996

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Jeff Kichaven is an Honors Graduate of the Harvard Law School (J.D. Cum Laude, 1980), a Phi Beta Kappa Graduate of the University of California, Berkeley (A.B. Economics, 1977), and a veteran of 15 years of complex business litigation experience as a partner in Los Angeles' Alschuler, Grossman & Pines.

In 1995, Jeff left the Alschuler firm to practice with now-Federal Judge Dean Pregerson and begin his ADR practice. Now a full-time neutral, Jeff mediates over 150 days per year in a wide range of cases.

The primary areas of concentration in Jeff's mediation practice are:

- **Insurance Coverage, Bad Faith and Allocation**
- **Employment**
- **Entertainment & Intellectual Property**
- **Information Technology & Internet**
- **Probate, Trust & Estate**
- **Construction & Real Estate**
- **Securities & Investments**

Not every case can be pigeonholed by "type." Many complex cases involve a variety of laws and issues. Because of Jeff's strong academic resume and breadth of litigation and mediation experience, he can quickly understand the facts and get up to speed on the law in even the most complicated situations.

In mediation, Jeff works hard to make sure you and your client develop realistic assessments of your positions through detailed analysis of facts and law. Each mediation is custom-designed to address the needs of your case, your client, and all people involved. Every case is different and every client is different. Jeff does not offer boilerplate processes. He spends the time necessary to read and talk to you in advance about your case to help you provide appropriate, effective guidance to your client while you pursue settlement options. Jeff is always prepared and persistent. He is committed to providing the proper environment for you and your client to make the best possible decisions about available litigation and settlement options. Almost all the time, if people come to mediation with the intent to settle, they settle, and Jeff makes sure of it. Jeff also respects, though, that people have a constitutional right to a trial if they want one, and that in some cases proceeding to trial is honestly the choice that serves your clients' interests best.

Education:

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1980
J.D. Cum Laude

University of California, Berkeley, 1977
A.B. Economics
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa

Published Works:

Mediation is Not for Sissies

Frequent Contributor, Alternatives

Frequent Contributor, Los Angeles Daily Journal

Frequent Contributor, IRMI.com

Classes/Seminars Taught:

Adjunct Professor, Pepperdine University Law School

Instructor, Advanced and Basic Mediation Training, Pepperdine University School of Law

Instructor, Advanced and Basic Mediation Training, American Bar Association (Section of Dispute Resolution and TIPS)

Instructor, Advanced and Basic Mediation Training, Los Angeles County Bar Association

Instructor, Advanced and Basic Mediation Training, California Court of Appeals

Instructor, Advanced and Basic Mediation Training, United States District Court (Central District of California)

Instructor, Advanced and Basic Mediation Training, University of Idaho School of Law

Honors and Awards:

Special Award for Innovative Excellence for "Advanced Mediation Training for Insurance Coverage Disputes (ABA - TIPS), 2004

Matthew S. Rae Outstanding Section Leader Award (Los Angeles County Bar Association), 2002

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Southern California Mediation Association
President

International Academy of Mediators
Fellow

American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)
Strategic Planning Committee

American Bar Association, Section of Business Law, Section of Intellectual
Property Law, TIPS
Past Chair, ADR Committees

American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution
Past Member, Governing Council

CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution
Member, Panel of Distinguished Neutrals

CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution
Member, Editorial Board, Alternatives

Los Angeles County Bar Association
Director, LACBA-Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.

Los Angeles County Bar Association
Past Member, Board of Trustees

Los Angeles County Bar Association
Past Chair, ADR Section

Past Employment Positions:

Richman, Luna, Kichaven & Glushon, Partner, 1996

Pregerson, Richman & Luna, Of Counsel, 1995

Alschuler, Grossman & Pines, Partner and Associate - Complex Business
Litigation, 1980 - 1995