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Experience Qualification Path

Category 2: American Arbitration Association

Mediation locations

United States - CA

Mediation languages

English

Current position and background

Owner, Louise A. LaMothe, A Professional Corporation, private mediation and arbitration; Also, United States Magistrate Judge, Central District of California (part time); formerly associate and partner, Irell & Manella, Los Angeles, CA, 1974-1992; senior litigation principal, Riordan & McKinzie (now Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP), Los Angeles, CA, 1992-1996; of counsel, Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert & Matz, Los Angeles, CA, 1996-1999

Main mediation practice areas

Commercial and employment, domestic and international; intellectual property; partnerships; franchises and joint ventures; entertainment; real estate and insurance.

Mediation experience

Mediator beginning in 1993; has mediated hundreds of cases, including many under both California state and federal court programs.

Description of mediation style

My mediation style is fitted to the circumstances of each case. I am usually fairly facilitative, but am evaluative where it is necessary

Code of professional conduct

IMI Code of Professional Conduct; California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC) Standards of



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Practice for California Mediators

Complaint process

IMI Professional Conduct Assessment Process

Professional indemnity insurance

Complete Equity Markets, Inc. (in CA d/b/a/ Complete Equity Markets Insurance Agency, Inc. SL# OD44077, Arbitrators and Mediators Professional Liability Insurance, \$1 MM

Feedback digest

Reviewer: STAFF AAA/ICDR (imireviewer@adr.org)

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This Feedback Digest has been updated to include 8 Feedbacks in 6 Mediations, initially submitted October 5, 2009.

Parties and counsel who have used Louise LaMothe would overwhelmingly use her services again and would, without hesitation, recommend her to others. Typical of the comments reflecting Ms. LaMothe's acceptability are: (i) Ms. LaMothe is effective, diligent and adaptable; (ii) Louise is very smart and patient. She is a first class mediator; (iii) I continue to use her with good results; and (iv) I have recommended her to others many times and find her fair, direct and hard-working to stay on matters to conclusion.

Ms. LaMothe's mediation skills and abilities are rated as highly effective. Typical of feedback received in this regard are: (i) Ms. LaMothe is adaptable and took a stance on the likely outcome; (ii) Ms. LaMothe was able to resolve a very difficult and complex matter. She had the ability to cut through very complex legal issues to get to the heart of the matter. She was then patient in working with the parties to bring them to a resolution; (iii) Louise has real skill in listening, conveying fairly each party's position to the other, and crafting unique, workable solutions; (iv) Ms. LaMothe is persistent and effectively encourages the parties to mutually recognize the risks and to develop a cost/benefit analysis; and (v) Ms. LaMothe exhibited professionalism, understood the issues quickly, and showed empathy and good judgement.

Costs were widely reported as reasonable in the context of the value of the disputes mediated by Ms. LaMothe, and in general a high degree of satisfaction was reported.

No reportable negative comments have been received since Ms. LaMothe's designation as an IMI Certified Mediator.

Professional affiliations

CPR Panel member; Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA); College of Commercial Arbitrators (CCA); American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution, Section of Litigation, former Chair, Section of Litigation (1992-93); California State Bar; Santa Barbara and Ventura County Bar Associations; California Women Lawyers, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles Women Lawyers Associations



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Fee rate

In California Central Coast area, \$400-\$450/ hour; elsewhere, \$500/ hour; no charge for travel within 100 miles of Santa Barbara

Mediation education and training

Strauss Institute (Pepperdine University School of Law) Mediating the Litigated case, 1997; AAA training programs annually; other mediation training periodically

Mediation teaching and mentoring

College of Commercial Arbitrators, Evolving Roles: The Appropriate Role of Arbitrators in the Continuum of Dispute Resolution (2015); ABA Webinar, Representing Clients in Mediation: A Master Class in Mediation Advocacy (2015); ABA Section of Litigation, Mediation with the Masters (2010)

Mediation publications

"Med-Arb: Yes or No?" NYSBA New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer (Spring 2012); "Want to have More Successful Mediations?" ABA, Section of Litigation, Mediation with the Masters (2010)

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