

**ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS TRIAL LAWYERS
LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
COURTS COMMITTEE**

PRO BONO ADR OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT

Attorney Settlement Officer Panel

Attorney Settlement Officers volunteer their preparation time and the first three hours in a settlement proceeding. Thereafter, the Attorney Settlement Officer may give the parties the option of concluding the settlement proceeding, continue the settlement proceeding and volunteer his or her time, or continue the settlement proceeding on such terms and rates as the Attorney Settlement Officer and all parties agree in a private, written contract.

Contact: Lydia A. Yurtchuk, Coordinator
United States District Court, Central District
United States Courthouse, Room G-8
312 North Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Tel: 213-894-8249
Fax: 213-894-5084
E-mail: lydia_yurtchuk@cacd.uscourts.gov

Application: Available on line: www.cacd.uscourts.gov -- click on "Attorney Information/ADR"

Requirements/
Training: Member in good standing of District Court Bar; at least 10 years legal practice experience, and significant expertise in one or more designated areas of law or in processes of alternative dispute resolution; completion of court-conducted training course in settlement proceedings or court-approved training course in mediation or arbitration unless waived by Court.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Alternative Dispute Resolution Program

Pro bono volunteer mediators and arbitrators provide three hours' hearing time per case. Thereafter, the parties may be charged for additional hearing time on an hourly basis at rates established by the mediator or arbitrator if the parties consent in writing.

Contact: Julie L. Bronson, ADR Administrator
Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles
111 North Hill St., Room 113
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Tel: 213-974-5425
Fax: 213-633-5115

Application: Available on line: www.lasuperiorcourt.org -- click on "Civil ADR/Forms"

Requirements/
Training: Mediation Panel — Completion of at least 25 hours of mediation training and attendance at LASC Court-Annexed DR Walk-Through and Orientation Program during first year of service.

Arbitration Panel — Substantial amount of trial experience and 5 years of legal experience for unlimited jurisdiction cases; 3 years legal experience for limited jurisdiction cases; attendance at LASC Court-Annexed DR Walk-Through and Orientation Program during first year of service.

COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

Mediation Program

Mediation Program mediators volunteer six hours of preparation and/or service time. Thereafter, with the parties' agreement, the mediator may be compensated.

Contact: Theresa Carter-Mata, Mediation Coordinator
Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District
300 South Spring St., Second Floor - North Tower
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Tel: 213-830-7136
Fax: 213-830-7033
E-mail: Theresa.Carter-Mata@jud.ca.gov

Application: Mediation Coordinator will e-mail form upon request (not available on line)

Requirements/
Training: At least 7 years experience as practicing lawyer; experience in appellate law or mediation training and experience; completion of court's Appellate Mediation Training program