

Hon. Eli Chernow



Judge Eli Chernow has been providing ADR services since 1993. He served as Los Angeles Superior Court judge from 1977-93; Special Assistant to Governor, 1975-77; Associate Professor of Law, University of Southern California, 1972-74; Private Practice, Tuttle & Taylor, 1965-72.

Judge Eli Chernow has extensive experience in virtually all areas of civil and family law and specialty complex cases.

Areas of Expertise:

- ACCOUNTING/FINANCE
- BANKING/LENDERLIABILITY
- EMPLOYMENT/LABOR
- INSURANCE/REINSURANCE
- IP (TRADEMARK & COPYRIGHT)

Representative Cases Handled as Mediator

Judge Eli Chernow as a mediator handled a broad range of cases involving civil, probate, and family law matters. The primary concentration has been in commercial disputes concerning commercial law; contracts; real property; employment; business ownership, valuation, or dissolution; unfair competition; unfair trade or business practice; intellectual property; trade secrets; royalties; insurance coverage; and bad faith. Cases have included personal injury or other forms of tort actions. Has handled many mediations involving high levels of emotional conflicts between the parties.

Representative Cases Handled as Arbitrator

Judge Eli Chernow as an arbitrator has handled a broad range of cases, primarily business disputes arising from disputes over contracts, real property, commercial law, business valuation, corporate and partnership dissolution, intellectual property, or insurance coverage issues. Has also arbitrated a number of personal injury, professional negligence, professional fees, uninsured motorist, and other tort claims.

Multi-Party Dispute Resolution Experience

Judge Eli Chernow has dealt with many multi-party disputes in capacity as a mediator and discovery referee/case manager. Some of the disputes in discovery cases have included more than 20 parties. Dealt successfully with cases involving four or more parties on many occasions.



Has some experience with construction defect cases, which typically involve a dozen or more parties.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

Extensive experience in ADR as full-time neutral since 1993. Handled a wide variety of matters covering virtually all areas of civil and family law.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

ACE004 – Practical Tips for Dealing with Delay Tactics of Parties and Advocates, Los Angeles, 4/05; ACE001 – Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards, 12/04; AAA Commercial Arbitrator II Training, Los Angeles, 6/03; AAA Arbitrator I Training-Fundamentals of the Arbitration Process, Los Angeles, 10/02; various ADR training.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: California, 1965; U.S. District Court, Central and Southern Districts of California, 1965; U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit.

Professional Associations

California Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association (Litigation Section, Past Executive Committee; Family Law Section, Past Executive Committee); Beverly Hills Bar Association; Association of Business Trial Lawyers (Past Board Member); American Bar Association (Judicial Division, Lawyers Conference, Past Executive Committee); Judicial Council of California (Past Advisory Committee), College of Commercial Arbitrators.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Co-author, "Choosing An Expert Witness for Real Estate Appraisal," BEVERLY HILLS BAR JOURNAL, 1993; contributor, SHALON BAYIT A JEWISH RESPONSE TO CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, 1993; "Video in the Courtroom-More Than a Talking Head," THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, Litigation Section, Fall 1988; co-author, CALIFORNIA PRACTICE GUIDE: CIVIL TRIAL AND EVIDENCE, The Rutter Group; "Sanctions-Remedies That are Right California Litigation," JOURNAL OF CALIFORNIA STATE BAR, Litigation Section, vol. 1, no. 1; numerous lectures to the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Beverly Hills Bar Association, California State Bar Association, Rutter Group, and California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Education

California Institute of Technology (B.S. 1961); Harvard University (J.D. 1964, Frederick Sheldon Fellowship 1964-65).