



Biographical Information

Lynne S. Bassis, Esq.

Lynne Bassis, a pioneer of ADR in California, is an accomplished mediator, mediation trainer, ADR design consultant (partner of *Workplace Resolution Group Inc.*) and speaker with over two decades of experience. A past director of the Disability Mediation Center at Loyola Law School, her private mediation practice focuses on employment (including class action), disability, trusts & estates/elder law, legal and professional malpractice, personal injury, real estate, business/partnership, commercial and intra-family disputes.

As observed by one attorney, “by the time Ms. Bassis walked into the mediation, it was evident to all that she understood the nuances of the case, from many vantage points” and had an “understanding of the case as well as, if not better than, the parties.” Another attorney has stated “her capacity to understand, read and manage people, coupled with her mollifying of extreme positions and threats, is what enables Ms. Bassis to respectfully and persuasively move parties off their positions and down the road toward a successful settlement.” A third has commented that he “does cases all over the country and Ms. Bassis is the best mediator he has run into.”

Ms. Bassis is committed to staying current in the field by participating in educational opportunities such as the *Masters Forum* at the Strauss Institute, Pepperdine Law School and the Harvard Law School symposium, *Masters Dialogue: Master Thinkers Meet Master Practitioners*. Captivated by the cutting edge scientific developments that impact her profession, Ms. Bassis has participated in two ground-breaking conferences: *The Science Behind the Sense: Exploring Cognitive Neuroscience and Decision Making*, Master Mediator Institute in Collaboration with Duke University Faculty (March 2009) and *Perfectly Wired: Integrated Decision Making*, Master Mediator Institute in Collaboration with UCLA Faculty (October 2009).

Ms. Bassis graduated Phi Beta Kappa with her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and her Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law. Her professional honors include being named ADR Super Lawyer for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. She is a Distinguished Fellow, International Academy of Mediators (IAM), Certified Mediator, International Mediation Institute (IMI) and invited Colleague, Master Mediator Institute (MMI).

Ms. Bassis’ 29-year legal career includes work in both the private and public sectors. Her private practice includes work for municipal defense and employment-labor law firms. Her public service includes her position as judicial counsel to the California Supreme Court’s State Bar (Disciplinary) Court. She also held the position of prosecutor for the State Bar of California and was a staff attorney for the Legal Services Corporation.

