



### *Biographical Information*

## **Comm. Kathleen Bryan, Ret.** **Superior Court Commissioner**

**Areas of Practice:** Family Law & Probate

Commissioner Kathleen Bryan has been a mediator/arbitrator since 2003 after retiring from the San Bernardino County Superior Court. She works both privately and on the family law mediation calendars for the San Bernardino Superior Court in Rancho Cucamonga, Victorville and San Bernardino.

A native of San Bernardino, Commissioner Bryan's legal career spans almost 30 years. After receiving a law degree from Boalt Hall in 1978, her legal experience includes both public and private litigation in the areas of personal injury, insurance defense, criminal, probate, conservatorship, guardianship, juvenile and appellate work.

After appointment to the bench in 1993 Commissioner Bryan specialized in family law and probate cases and was the Supervising Family Law Judicial Officer from 2000 to 2002. She was a member of the California Judicial Education and Research group which developed a statewide training manual for the California Courts on Sexual Harassment and was involved in training of court personnel in the San Bernardino Superior Court on those issues for several years.

In addition to an undergraduate degree in psychology from U.C.R. in 1975, Commissioner Bryan has had extensive mediation training including the 42-hour course "Mediating the Litigated Case" from the Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine College of Law. She is the author of two articles on the subject: "A Perfect Fit: Mediating Family Law and Probate Cases," San Bernardino County Bar Association, Bulletin, 10/05 and "Mediation: Taming the 800-Pound Gorilla in Family Law and Probate Cases," San Bernardino County Bar Association Bulletin, 6/06. She was featured in The Daily Journal, "Neutral Excels in Emotional Family Law Cases," 10/05 and has taught extensively in family law, probate and other matters.

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