



*Biographical Information*  
**Hon. Jeff Castner, Ret.**  
**Superior Court Commissioner**

**AREAS OF PRACTICE:**

Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, and General Negligence

**BACKGROUND:**

As a full-time mediator since his early retirement from the Los Angeles Superior Court two decades ago, Commissioner Jeff Castner has resolved thousands of vehicle collision, premises liability, product liability, and other civil actions, from pre-litigation to the eve of trial. He approaches all cases, from minor to catastrophic, with the same dedicated work ethic, diligence, and follow-through.

Before entering private practice, Jeff was a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney assigned to Hardcore, the elite gang murder unit. He began private practice as an outside insurance defense counsel for several carriers. He later transitioned to plaintiff's personal injury representation. He understands and appreciates the roles and concerns of counsel for both sides.

Jeff's friendly, informal approach to mediation is designed to place the parties and counsel at ease, allowing them to focus on the settlement process in a more relaxed and cooperative environment. At the same time, he will not give up on a case until all possible avenues of agreement have been fully explored. In those rare instances when a case does not settle during the initial hearing, he continues to work with the parties until the case does settle, or it becomes evident that the only way forward is trial or arbitration.

**AVAILABILITY:**

Jeff is available for mediation throughout California in person or via video conference.