

DREW POMERANCE



After 40 years as a successful and nationally renowned trial and appellate attorney, Drew Pomerance now brings his considerable knowledge and experience to the field of private dispute resolution as a full-time mediator and arbitrator. Over the course of his career, Drew has specialized in litigating complex business, class action, employment, and insurance matters. As an advocate, he handled hundreds of mediations for his clients, both as a Plaintiff and Defendant. As such, he has a thorough understanding and appreciation for how cases are properly evaluated which makes him uniquely qualified to handle complex and challenging cases in almost any area of civil litigation.

Prior to his transition into ADR, Drew served as the senior co-founding partner of his Woodland Hills based law firm, Roxborough, Pomerance, Nye & Adreani, LLP. During his tenure there, he handled hundreds of cases for businesses of every size and type- both on the Plaintiff and Defense side- during all phases of litigation, from commencement of the lawsuit, through trial, and on appeal. He has numerous reported opinions from the state and federal courts of appeal, including two landmark victorious decisions from the California Supreme Court. Drew is also one of the most experienced and sought-after class action attorneys in the country, having represented the Plaintiff class in the largest rest break class action case in California history, as well as representing numerous businesses in defending against class actions.

His dedication and hard work have won him recognition throughout the legal community and as such he is respected by both sides of the bar. Drew is a Life Fellow of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), the most prestigious invitation-only trial lawyer organization in the United States, as well as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society. He has been a frequent speaker and lecturer at trial lawyer conventions and seminars throughout California on insurance and employment topics and has been recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer every year for over the last decade.

As a mediator, Drew not only brings his extensive knowledge and legal acumen, but equally important, a fair and even-handed perspective to every case. Having had first-hand experience in litigating the kind of cases he will now attempt to resolve; Drew has a unique appreciation for each side's perspective and goals. As a result, Drew can quickly digest the complexities and nuances of a case, so as to propose innovative and creative ways to settle.

As an arbitrator, Drew serves full-time on the American Arbitration Association's national roster. His approach to arbitration includes establishing clear expectations and firm timelines; taking a proportional approach to discovery that balances necessity with fairness; and maintaining consistent engagement throughout the process with prompt resolution of procedural matters. This allows Drew to deliver well-reasoned awards while minimizing unnecessary delays and expenses that often plague traditional litigation.

Drew is looking forward to serving as a Mediator and Arbitrator on a full-time basis, and will be available for class actions, employment, insurance, and complex business cases. For all arbitration inquiries, please contact AAA directly (adr.org).

RECENT TESTIMONIALS

"What set Drew apart was his legal expertise - he understood our case's unique employment issues better than most mediators, while conveying his position with both candor and respect. We had an excellent experience with Drew and would not hesitate to use his services again or recommend him for future employment cases."

-NAMED PARTNER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT LAW FIRM

"Drew was our mediator on a contentious case. Even after the parties reached an agreement on the settlement amount (thanks to Drew), opposing counsel continued to challenge us with unusual terms in the release. This prolonged the process, however, Drew was consistently available for follow-up calls, emails, and discussions with our office to ensure the case successfully crossed the finish line."

-NAMED PARTNER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT LAW FIRM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Pomerance Resolutions (2023 - present)
- Arbitrator, National Roster, American Arbitration Association (2025-present)
- Co-Managing Partner, Roxborough, Pomerance, Nye & Adreani (1996 - 2023)
- Sole Practitioner, Pomerance & Associates (1994-1996)
- Jr. Partner, Inman, Weisz & Steinberg, Beverly Hills, CA (1986-1994)
- Associate, Kern & Wooley, LA (1982-1985)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Appellate
- Business/Commercial
- Class Actions
- Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Bad Faith
- Labor/Employment
- Wage & Hour/PAGA

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) (1981)
- B.A., University of California at Berkeley (1978)
- Mediating the Litigated Case, Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute (2023)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- State Bar California
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the Central and Northern Districts of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth and Ninth Circuits

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- Former member of the Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC)
- Former member of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

AWARDS

- Class Actions Lawyer of the Year, Finance Monthly Magazine (2018)
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- "Southern California's Top-Rated Lawyers" ALM - American Lawyer Media (2013)
- Most Influential People in California Workers' Compensation, Workers' Comp Executive (2010)
- "Southern California Super Lawyer" Los Angeles Magazine and Super Lawyers (2007-present)
- "Top 25 Lawyers in the San Fernando Valley" San Fernando Valley Business Journal (2009)
- "5 out of 5" AV® Preeminent™ overall peer rating, Martindale Hubbell.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "What's New in Employment Law for 2025," Consumer Attorneys of California January/February 2025 issue of FORUM Magazine.
- Authored the chapter "Settlement Negotiations" in Mark Dombroff's 1987 treatise Personal Injury Defense Techniques.
- Article "Trade Secret Insurance", published in the November 1999 issue of the California Lawyer magazine.
- Numerous speaking engagements for CAALA, CAOC, and ASCDC at various conventions and conferences.

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