



# Pasadena Mediation Group

An Alternate Dispute Resolution Company



## Charles Schoemaker, Jr., ESQ.

Mediation provides an opportunity to resolve a dispute in a matter of hours, rather than languishing in the court system for months or even years. Before any mediation may be successfully concluded by a settlement agreement, it is necessary to understand the needs and interests of all sides. More than thirty years of litigation practice has given me extensive experience as an advocate for a wide variety of causes, which has provided a hands-on basis for the understanding and needs of the parties to a dispute.

As an attorney, I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants. I was a partner at a firm which handled the defense of major injury and complex litigation cases for insured and self-insured clients. Since then, I have represented individuals, small businesses and public entities as plaintiffs in tort and commercial litigation. My litigation experience includes general civil litigation, business and contract disputes, government tort liability, real estate, construction, and personal injury matters of all levels, including serious injury and wrongful death, for both the plaintiff and the defense.

Having represented both sides as an attorney enables me to bring a balanced approach to the negotiation process. My ADR style is based upon a belief that the purpose of mediation is to assist the parties to find a resolution of their respective needs. My background and experience enable me to be either facilitative or evaluative as the circumstances require.

### Legal Career and Prior Experience

2003 to present:	Law Offices of Charles Schoemaker, Jr. (Tarzana and Pasadena)
1992-2002	Altman, Schoemaker & Hambleton (Encino)
1990-1992	Hamrick and Garrotto (Los Angeles)
1978-1990	Kegel, Tobin & Hamrick (Los Angeles)

Admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California; United States District Court, Central District, and Southern District of California; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court.

### Professional Affiliations and Education

American Board of Trial Advocates  
State Bar of California  
Inland Valleys Justice Center  
Southern California Mediation Association  
ADR Panels of the Los Angeles and Riverside Superior Courts  
Court of Appeal, 2nd District, Mediation Program  
Certificate, Conflict Resolution Training, Loyola School of Law Certificate,  
Mediating the Litigated Case, Pepperdine University Certificate, Elder Adult  
Mediation, ARMS  
J.D., University of West Los Angeles, School of Law  
B.A., Rutgers University  
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