

MERRIANNE E. DEAN, ESQ.

attorney - mediator - settlement facilitator

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EDUCATION

2015

National Conflict Resolution Center
Theory and Practice of Mediation

1991 - 1994

JURIS DOCTORATE
Thomas Jefferson School of Law

1988 - 1990

Bachelor of Science, Business
Administration
University of Redlands

KEY SKILLS

Communication

Empathy

Creativity

Flexibility

Patience

Tenacity

AWARDS

2019

FAY STENDER AWARD
California Women Lawyers

2012

OUTSTANDING SERVICE
AWARD
Superior Court of San Diego

PROFILE

Attorney mediator with particular expertise in resolving conflicts in contested probate court proceedings, including conservatorships, financial elder abuse, probate, trust administration, will & trust contests and fiduciary breach claims. My mediation style is primarily evaluative; however, I also work with the parties to assist them in understanding what is driving the conflict to aid them in reaching resolution.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1997 - Present

Shareholder / Attorney

The Dean Law Group, APLC / San Diego, CA

- Principal attorney in a practice focused on assisting clients with conservatorships, probate administration, trust and estate litigation, financial elder abuse matters and estate planning & administration.
- Train and mentor associate attorneys while developing their legal skills, with a focus on utilizing litigation techniques to drive early settlement.

2009 - Present

Settlement Conference Judge Pro Tem

San Diego Superior Court, Probate Division

- Serve as a settlement conference judge to assist parties involved in litigation before the Probate Court.
- Report results of settlement conferences to the Court for further proceedings.

2014 - 2018

Volunteer Mediator, Probate Mediation Program

Thomas Jefferson School of Law

- Served as a volunteer mediator in the program specifically created to assist families in resolving contested conservatorships and other disputes in Probate Court cases.
- Reported results of mediation efforts to the Court for further proceedings.