



Jean M. Lawler, Esq.

Hearing Officer

Jean M. Lawler is a lawyer and mediator with a proven ability to resolve even the most complex of lawsuits. Based in Southern CA, she is available to mediate or arbitrate matters in California and across the world. In addition to her role as a neutral with NAM (National Arbitration and Mediation), she also serves on the Mediation panels for the US District Court, Central District of CA and the CA Court of Appeals, 2nd District.

“Ms. Lawler was prepared and considerate.”

“Mediator had right disposition to deal with all parties.”

“You are a miracle worker!”

“Ms. Lawler understood all of the issues on appeal.

She was very compassionate, dedicated and continued to follow-up even though we were at an impasse. I would strongly recommend her.”

“You were exceptional as a mediator.”

Well versed in insurance, tort, business and contract litigation, Ms. Lawler is also experienced with cutting-edge legal issues presented by emerging risks such as cyber insurance and privacy. She is recognized internationally for her expertise in the field of insurance, including for her knowledge of the insurance industry, insurance policies (primary, excess, reinsurance, program and surplus lines, London Market and international insurers) and the risks they insure against. She has advised underwriters and drafted policy forms and endorsements. When in private practice, Jean represented North American, European, UK and Asian corporations, professionals, non-profits, individuals and insurers in a broad range of matters, including professional liability, insurance coverage & bad faith litigation, business litigation and complex civil litigation, at trial and on appeal. She served as Managing Partner of her former law firm and at various times chaired the firm’s Insurance Law, Cyber & Privacy Law, International Law and Business & Real Estate Transactions practice groups.

She is a Past President of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and the InsuralexGlobal Insurance Lawyers Group (ranked Band 1 for Insurance by Chambers), a Fellow and Founding Regent of the American College of Coverage Counsel and a Certified Mediator by MC3. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Attorney-Mediators.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Appeals
- Business Torts
- Climate Related Litigation
- Construction Defect
- Contracts & Business Disputes
- Cyber & Privacy Liability
- Directors & Officers
- Emerging Risks
- Environmental/Toxic Tort
- First Party Claims
- Financial Institutions
- General Liability
- Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith
- Intellectual Property (“AI” and “PI”)
- International/Cross-Border Disputes
- Inter-Insurer Disputes
- Personal Injury/Catastrophic
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Property Damage
- Sexual Harassment / #MeToo
- Technology
- 2860 CumisCounsel Fee Disputes

SELECTED LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- *Data Breach Litigation in the 2020 Landscape: Practical Tips and Strategies to Avoid the Pitfalls*, Webcast, The Knowledge Group, 2020
- *Mediating Before and After Judgment*, FDCC Annual Meeting, Sun Valley, ID, 2019
- *Legal Analytics, Big Data and You: The Future of Litigation Management, How We Practice Law & Evolving Ethical Considerations – Tomorrow's Tools Today*, ADTA Annual Meeting, Austin TX, 2018
- *Insurance Master Series: Cyber Claims and Legal Trends*, 2016
- *Insurance Round Table: Disruptors - Technology and Product Liability Exposures*, 2016
- *Cyber and Data Breach Losses: Recent US Court Decisions, Risk Management & Investigations*, London, England, 2016
- *INSURALEX Talks: Disruptors and Their Risks-Tomorrow's "New Normal" is Here. What Some of These Exposures Look Like for Insureds, Insurers and Risk Managers*, Insuralex Mid-Year Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, 2015
- *Insurance Roundtable: The Advice of Counsel Defense and Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege in Coverage and Bad Faith Issues*, 2014
- *Insurance Roundtable: Coverage Issues Related to Data Breach, Cyber Liability, and Privacy Claims*, 2014
- *Insurance Roundtable: Coverage Issues Related to Directors & Officers and Professional Liability Policies*, 2013
- *Tackling Tenders – Who's on First? Priorities of Coverage and Tools for Responding to Tenders of Defense and Indemnity*, CLM Insurance Bad Faith and Coverage Conference, Boston, MA, 2012
- *The Power of Persuasion*, USLAW Network Women's Collection Meeting, Austin, TX, 2012
- *Primary Exhaustion of Limits in Construction Defect Litigation*, CLM Webinar, 2012
- *Mediation Strategies and Effective Negotiation*, USLAW Network Client Conference, Chicago, IL, 2011
- *Hot Topics in Excess Insurance: A Survey of Underwriting, Claims Handling and Legal Developments*, PLRB/FDCC Critical Issues for Senior Insurance Executives and In-House Counsel, Chicago, IL, 2007
- *Handle with Care: Discovery of Sensitive Information in the Coverage Action*, DRI Insurance Coverage and Claims Institute, 2007
- *Insurance, Indemnity and Construction Defect Claims*, USLAW Network Client Meeting, 2007
- *What's Hot and What's Not in the USA – Trends and Latest Cases*, DRI International Liability Program, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, 2004
- *Insurance Coverage for Employment Discrimination and Harassment Claims: Who Pays for Defense or Indemnity?* DRI/FDCC/IADC and ADTA Joint International Conference, Barcelona, Spain, 2004
- *Construction Defects: Coverage Under Third Party Liability Policies*, PLRB Meeting, Chicago, 2004
- *Policy Provisions, Endorsements and Exclusions - An Ever Changing Face in Construction Coverage*, West Coast Casualty Seminar, 2002
- *Fundamentals of Insurance*, California Continuing Education of the Bar
- *The Anatomy of an Advertising Injury Claim*, FDCC
- *Developments in Environmental Coverage Issues*, FDCC
- *Insurance Litigation*, National Business Institute

HONORS and AWARDS

- Certified Mediator – Mediation Certification Consortium of California (MC3), www.mc3certified.org
- Rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale since 1990's; Martindale's Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers
- Southern California Super Lawyer for Insurance Coverage, 2006-2017 and ADR, 2018 - Present
- Southern California Top Women Lawyers, since inception in 2011 (in 2016, one of 20 for Insurance Coverage)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- California State Bar, 1979
- United States District Court, Central District of California, 1987
- United States District Court, Southern District of California, 1986
- United States District Court, Northern District of California, 1986
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California, 1986
- Oregon State Bar, 1981 (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- American College of Coverage Counsel, Fellow & Founding Regent
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) - Past President and Emeritus Member; As President, cofounded inaugural *National Summit on the Right to Trial by Jury*, 2005 (not ABOTA's 7th Amendment Summit)
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- The CLM
- LEA – Loss Executives Association
- Association of Attorney-Mediators (Board of Directors)
- Southern California Mediation Association
- Mediators Beyond Borders
- Past President – Insuralex Global Lawyers Group (ranked Band 1 for Insurance by Chambers)
- Former Director - DRI, Lawyers for Civil Justice (LCJ) and Assoc. of Southern CA Defense Counsel (ASCDC)
- Delegate, International Fine Art & Specie Conferences (IFASIC), 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015

EDUCATION

- Loyola Law School, J.D., 1979
 - Jessup International Honors Moot Court Team and Board
- Loyola Marymount University, BBA, 1976
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, “Mediating the Litigated Case”
- Edwards Mediation Academy, Advanced Mediation Training
- U.S. District Court of California, Central District, Advanced Mediation Training
- Association of Attorney – Mediators, Advanced Mediation Training