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Jonathon Kaplan, Esq. *Mediator/Arbitrator*

A seasoned litigator, Jonathon Kaplan has mediated and arbitrated a wide range of cases. Mr. Kaplan is recognized as a dedicated and tenacious mediator, providing excellent results for his clients. His wealth of litigation and trial experience affords him accurate insight into the likely outcome and consequences of litigating and trying matters.

Practice Areas

Products Liability, Consumer Warranty Claims, Song- Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, Unfair Business Practices, Consumer Legal Remedies Act Claims, Environmental Coverage, International Litigation and Real Estate.

Conflict Resolution Experience

After graduating from Duke University School of Law in 1990, Jonathon Kaplan joined Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard LLP, where he quickly rose to the level of equity partner. After 11 years, he founded his own firm, Kaplan Lee LLP, where he focuses on products liability, consumer litigation, environmental and toxic torts, and international litigation. With a Master of Laws in foreign and international law, he is well-versed in issues relating to the representation of foreign entities in California State and Federal Courts. He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in these types of matters.

Mr. Kaplan has tried dozens of civil and criminal trials, resulting in several published opinions. He continues to try several matters a year. In May 2001, he was named one of the "Top 20 Lawyers Under 40" in California by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. He is uniquely situated to provide clients with a well defined

perspective on their cases, most often leading to early negotiated resolutions. Mr. Kaplan has extensive mediation and alternative dispute resolution education and training.

Organizations & Achievements

- Admitted to State Bar of California, 1990
- Admitted to District of Columbia Bar, 1990
- Admitted to United States District Court, all districts of California, 1990
- Member, Board of Governors, Emory University
- Member, Future Forum Board of Visitors, Duke University School of Law Board of Directors, Aids Healthcare Foundation

Education & Training

- J.D. (1990), Duke University School of Law; L.M. in Foreign and International Law (1990), Thesis: Legal Aspects of the Reintegration of the Soviet Union into the World Economy
- B.A. (1987), Emory University, Russian and Soviet and Eastern European Studies, Beta Kappa

Mr. Kaplan is available throughout Southern California.