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# Robert M. Cohen, Esq.

## *Mediator/Arbitrator*

Robert M. Cohen is a passionate, creative, earnest and practical mediator. Possessing excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to rapidly build trust, his settlement rate is superior. Formerly a partner with Cohen Stimpert & Ford, Cohen has handled a wide variety of litigation matters during his 40+ year career including personal injury and elder abuse claims, HOA disputes, leasing and landlord tenant disputes, business and partnership disputes and commercial collection matters. Cohen has tried more than 100 bench, arbitration and jury trials and has been involved in over 1000 disputed matters. Since the 1990's, he has mediated hundreds of matters and is known for his ability to bring closure to contentious, personality-driven disputes.

### Practice Areas

Personal injury and elder abuse; real estate – HOA, partition actions, commercial leasing, landlord-tenant and habitability disputes; property line and easement disputes; subrogation, construction and multi-party claims.

### Experience

**Personal Injury Claims:** Mr. Cohen has litigated and mediated catastrophic injury claims involving automobiles, bicycles, scooters, motorcycles, trucks, buses, taxis, pedestrians, driving under the influence, wrongful death and UM/UIM claims. He has dealt with claims for elder abuse, slip/trip/falls, public property/sidewalk defects, residential/premises defects, dog bites and dangerous condition claims dealing with elevators, escalators and construction site accidents.

**Business Claims and Disputes:** Mr. Cohen has successfully resolved hundreds of commercial leasing and landlord-tenant disputes, HOA claims, commercial evictions, real property, boundary, tree line and easement disputes, trespass/nuisance, mechanics lien/construction, partnership, family corporation, breach of contract and domestic/international commercial collection claims and disputes.

### Organizations & Achievements

- Awarded the Martindale-Hubbell AV rating more than 20 years ago; also awarded the Judicial AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell
- Member, State Bar Associations of California and New York
- Presently serving on the Board of Directors of the Beverly Hills Bar Foundation

- Past Member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services Board of Directors
- Past President of West Los Angeles Homeowners Association
- Presented to the Italian Stone Trade Association in Verona, Italy regarding international collection matters in the United States
- Published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal about best mediation practices including articles entitled: "Winning at Mediation: Reality or Oxymoron?"; "Exchanging Mediation Briefs: The Simplest Path to Success"; and "The Importance of Trust Building in Mediation."

### Education & Training

- Mediator Training Program, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law, 2004
- L.A. Bar Association Advanced Divorce Mediation Program, 2005
- J.D., Loyola University of Law, 1976
- A.B. Cum Laude, UCLA, 1973

*Mr. Cohen is available throughout Southern California.*