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Ms. Azizi has been a champion in promoting social justice by bringing creative solutions to most challenging disputes by combining her litigation experience with masterful application of diverse mediation styles and transformative techniques. She has successfully completed mediation seminars and training programs including STAR and the "Professional Skills Program" at Pepperdine University's acclaimed Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. An immigrant with a rich cultural heritage, Ms. Azizi offers special skills and powerful communication techniques aimed at effective resolution of Cross-Cultural disputes and sensitive orientations.

Soheila Azizi is the appointed Arbitrator by the California State Bar, and the local county bars, for Mandatory Fee Disputes between Attorneys and their clients. She is also on contract with the San Bernardino County as a Judge Pro Tem/Mediator, conducting Mandatory Settlement Conferences in the areas of Civil and Family Law.

### **EDUCATION:**

- J.D., University of La Verne School of Law, Ontario, CA
- B.A., Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

### **LEGAL CAREER:**

- (1993-Present) Private Practice concentrating on Medical Malpractice, Elder Abuse, Personal Injury Litigation, Family law, Child Custody & Support Litigation
- (1993-2003) General Civil Practice & Immigration Law

### JUDICIAL AND ADR EXPERIENCE:

- Mediation, Arbitration, Neutral Evaluation, Judge Pro Tem
- Served as Judge Pro Tem in Small Claims Court, San Bernardino County
- Served as Judge Pro Tem & Settlement Officer in Family Law Court, San Bernardino County
- Served as Settlement Officer, Los Angeles County Superior Court CRASH program.
- Served as Arbitrator for State and County Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration program
- Served as an Active Member and Referee on the Consultative Body of Local Church Administration

### **ADR TRAINING:**

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## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

Family Law, Professional Malpractice (Legal, Medical and Dental), Serious Personal Injury, Sexual Harassment, Elder Abuse, Contracts/Business Litigation, and Wrongful Death

**Professional Memberships/Affiliations (Past & Present):** 

- Consumer Attorney's Association of Los Angeles
- San Bernardino County Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Co-Founder and Board Member of "Women on the Move Network"
- President of Upland Interfaith Council
- Vice President of Upland Spirituality Assembly

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Adjunct Professor, ULV College of Law

#### **AVAILABLE:**

Throughout Southern California