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Bob Tessier is an AV rated attorney who has practiced in the fields of personal injury, professional and general negligence, real estate, construction and commercial litigation in California since 1986. He has successfully mediated hundreds of litigated cases. He is a board member of the Southern California Mediation Association, and instructor with the Institute for Conflict Management in Santa Monica California. He utilizes facilitative, transformative and evaluative styles as necessary to achieve a settlement. Bob has particular expertise in injury causation and medicine, automobile mechanics, construction projects and negotiation, and is a licensed real estate broker.

**EDUCATION:**

- (1986) J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law, Cum Laude, Malibu, California
- (1993) B.A., Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California

**LEGAL CAREER:**

- (1997-2006) Robert M. Tessier, P.C.
- (1992-1997) Partner, Rowell & Tessier, A Law Corporation
- (1991-1992) Associate, Paul & Stuart
- (1990-1991) Associate, R. Edward Pfiester, A Law Corporation
- (1988-1990) Associate, Greene, O'Reilly, Broillet, Paul, Simon & Wheeler, Los Angeles, CA
- (1986-1988) Associate, Murchison & Cumming, Los Angeles, CA

**ADR EXPERIENCE:**

- (1994-present) Mediator and Arbitrator
- Certified Virtual Mediator, Mediation Arbitration Resolution Services
- Faculty, Institute for Conflict Management
- Panelist, First Resolution Services, American Arbitration Association, Institute for Conflict Management, Resolute Systems, and Mediation Arbitration Resolution Services

**ADR TRAINING:**

- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Specialized Mediation, Malibu, CA
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Law, Faith and Peacemaking, Malibu, CA
- Institute for Conflict Management, Mediating the Litigated Case, Santa Monica, CA
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Enhancing Non-Verbal ADR Communication and Negotiation Skills, Los Angeles, CA

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**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

- Serious Personal Injury, Professional Negligence, Product Liability, Insurance Bad Faith, FELA litigation
- Real estate litigation involving developers, general and sub-contractors, mechanics liens, and construction defect
- Medical and workers compensation liens
- Automobile race car drivers and racing teams in contractual disputes involving vehicle performance
- Pension and profit sharing plan management, and development of substantial investment acumen
- Specialized knowledge and expertise in automobile mechanics, vehicle technology, engineering, and trauma medicine (particularly orthopedics and neurology)
- Mobile home residency law
- Lemon law

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:**

- Admitted to the California Bar, 1986
- Real Estate Broker, Department of Real Estate, California

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:**

- Southern California Mediation Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Valley Industry and Commerce Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Riverside County Bar Association
- Desert Bar Association
- Century City Bar Association

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- "The Case for Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Business Disputes," Mediate.com, June 2006
- "How to Achieve Optimum Results at Mediation," CAALA ADVOCATE, pp. 18-25, January 2006
- "Making Effective Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution for Small Businesses," Mediate.com, December 2005
- Co-author, The Settlement Game in the Ballpark that Tech-Bilt," PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW, 1986

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**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

- "Mediating the Litigated Case," San Fernando Valley Bar Association, March 2006
- "Seduction in the Art of Mediation," South Bay Roundtable, February 2006
- "The Prisoner's Dilemma," Southern California Mediation Association 18th Annual Conference, Malibu, CA

**INTERESTS:**

Music, writing, sports and fitness, and classic car restoration.

**AVAILABLE:**

Throughout Southern California