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Jonathon Kaplan is a California lawyer with an active litigation and trial practice. He has both mediation training and extensive dispute resolution experience. Mr. Kaplan is a court-appointed mediator, arbitrator and judge pro tem. He sits on several private dispute resolution providers' panels. He is highly sought after as a mediator for his near 100 percent resolution rate, attributable to his tenacity and keen ability to find common ground and creative solutions among litigants.

EDUCATION:

- (1990) J.D., Duke University School of Law
- (1990) LL.M. in Foreign and International Law, Duke University School of Law, Master's Thesis: Legal Aspects of the Reintegration of the Soviet Union Into the World Economy

LEGAL CAREER:

- (1990-2001) Associate then equity partner, Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard LLP (nka Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP), civil litigation resulting in numerous trials and published appeals.
- (2001-present) Founding partner, Kaplan Lee LLP, civil litigation, senior trial lawyer concentrating on product liability and consumer warranty claims defense, business litigation, employment claims and counseling, and real estate disputes.

ADR EXPERIENCE:

- (1994-present) Court-appointed volunteer and private Mediator and Arbitrator
- Alternative Dispute Resolution studies at Duke University School of Law
- Arbitration and mediation training, Los Angeles County Superior Court

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

- Products liability
- Automobile claims, Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, Magnusson Moss Warranty Act
- Real estate disputes
- Contract disputes
- Employment, wage and overtime claims, wrongful termination, hostile work environment

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HONORS/AWARDS:

- Named one of California's "Top 20 Under 40" lawyers by the Daily Journal, California Law Business, May, 2001.
- Named a Southern California "Super Lawyer" over consecutive years
- AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell
- Awarded certificates of appreciation for service as volunteer mediator, arbitrator and judge pro tem by the Los Angeles County Superior Court over several consecutive years

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:

- (1990 – present) Member State Bar of California
- (1990 – present) Member State Bar of District of Columbia
- (1990 – present) Admitted to practice before all Federal District Courts in California
- (1990 – present) Has sat on Emory University's Board of Governors, Duke University School of Law's Board of Visitors Future Forum, Aids Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- ((1997-2001) MCLE partner, Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard LLP
- (2007) Frequent guest lecturer, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program, UCLA School of Medicine
- (2006 – present) Certified California MCLE provider

LANGUAGES:

- Russian and Spanish language ability

AVAILABLE:

Downtown Los Angeles