

Gene Witkin, Esq. Mediator, Arbitrator

Gene Witkin is a professional neutral devoted entirely to helping businesses, insurance companies, and individuals resolve their disputes efficiently and out of court. Prior to committing to alternative dispute resolution, Mr. Witkin was an attorney with an active practice in complex litigation, insurance disputes, and conflict resolution in numerous different states and venues throughout the United States for more than thirty years. In 2000, Mr. Witkin co-founded the law firm Menter & Witkin LLP that focused in large part on risk sharing and funding of large lawsuits, which gave him the opportunity to represent both plaintiffs and defendants, as well as third-party defendants and insurance companies. In early 2021, Mr. Witkin took this diverse experience and turned his practice to full time dispute resolution services with availability across the United States.

Mr. Witkin completed his mediator training at the National Conflict Resolution Center in 2017. He has previously served for many years as an arbitrator for the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Panel in Orange County, and participated in nearly one thousand days of mediation and settlement conferences as both counsel and client representative, and in numerous fields, including construction, insurance, medical, property, and contract claims. An extensive legal and collaborative background has given him the opportunity to cooperate with counsel from around the country and work on every side of civil lawsuits. He was a member of the Insurance Section of the local bar for over twenty years, where he was formerly elected chairman. More recently, Mr. Witkin joined the Masters Section of the bar, formed to apply the knowledge and experience of its members to promote the public good and cultivate social discourse among attorneys with twenty-five years or more experience. He has also been a frequent speaker on topics ranging from risk transfer to construction disputes and claims resolution, with presentations at West Coast Casualty Conference, Mealey's Litigation and Coverage Conference, Insurance Claims Litigation Management Annual Meeting, the Colorado Bar Association Construction Section, as well as in-house and industry round-table presentations.

Education:

University of California at Los Angeles (J.D., 1990)

University of California at Irvine (B.A., cum laude, 1987)

Honors:

"Super Lawyer" from 2015 through current. AV Rated "Preeminent Attorney" by Martindale-Hubbell (highest rating). *Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Eta Sigma*

Reported Decisions:

MacKinnon v. Truck Insurance Exchange, 31 Cal.4th 635 (2003)

Presley Homes, Inc. v. American States Insurance Co., 90 Cal.App.4th 571 (2001)

Aas v. Superior Court, 24 Cal.4th 815 (2000)

Pardee Construction Co. v. Insurance Company of the West, 77 Cal.App.4th 1340 (2000)

Vandenberg v. Superior Court, 21 Cal.4th 815 (1999)

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