

Signature Resolution Welcomes Robert M. Tessier to Its Panel of Neutrals

One of California's most experienced tort mediators brings more than 30 years of mediation experience and over 5,000 resolved disputes to Signature Resolution

ORANGE COUNTY, CA (SEPTEMBER 1, 2026) — [Signature Resolution](#) Signature Resolution is pleased to announce that Robert M. Tessier has joined its panel of neutrals, where he will serve as a mediator. One of California's most experienced tort mediators, Bob has guided more than 5,000 litigated disputes to resolution since 1994, building one of the state's most established personal injury mediation practices and becoming a trusted neutral for catastrophic injury and complex tort matters.

Bob's approach is grounded in a belief developed over decades of mediation: disputes often become more difficult when parties no longer feel heard. He is known for giving participants the time and space to fully express their positions before turning to negotiation, using careful listening to identify what is actually preventing movement. From there, he adapts his approach to the needs of the case, moving between patience and direct pressure to help parties confront difficult realities and find a path forward.

"Parties who arrive convinced the other side has stopped listening often leave surprised that resolution was there all along," said Bob. "My job is to make sure everyone has a genuine opportunity to be heard, understand what is driving the dispute, and then help the parties find the common ground that can move the case toward resolution."

Bob brings particular depth to catastrophic injury and complex tort disputes, including matters involving traumatic brain injury, orthopedic trauma, workers' compensation offsets, medical liens, and insurance coverage issues. His experience extends to construction, construction defect, product liability, professional liability, government and public sector disputes, and insurance coverage and bad faith matters.

His perspective is also informed by having represented both sides of disputes during his litigation career. Before devoting his practice to mediation, Bob represented injured plaintiffs as well as corporate defendants, giving him firsthand insight into the different pressures, strategies, and expectations parties bring to the mediation room. That ability to understand a dispute from multiple perspectives strengthens his credibility with counsel and clients on both sides of a case.

“Bob has spent more than three decades doing the work of mediation at an extraordinary level, and resolving more than 5,000 litigated disputes gives him a depth of experience that very few neutrals can match,” said Dario Higuchi, Chief Executive Officer of Signature Resolution. “What makes him particularly effective is his ability to combine that experience with a genuine understanding of people. Parties trust Bob because he listens before he pushes, understands the realities facing both sides, and knows when and how to move a difficult case forward. We are incredibly proud to welcome him to Signature Resolution.”

Bob’s standing in the mediation community reflects the depth of his practice. He is a Distinguished Fellow and Board Member of the International Academy of Mediators, has been recognized as a Super Lawyer every year since 2014, and has been named among the Los Angeles Daily Journal’s Top 50 Neutrals in California. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has written and lectured extensively on mediation strategy and practice, including as an invited instructor at Pepperdine University’s Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Bob earned his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Pepperdine University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from Loyola Marymount University. He has also completed advanced mediation training through the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

To learn more about Robert M. Tessier, please visit: [LINK](#)

About Signature Resolution

Founded in 2017 in Los Angeles, Signature Resolution brings together a panel of distinguished neutrals from diverse backgrounds, including respected judges and trial attorneys with expertise across virtually every civil practice area. Signature Resolution is committed to providing attorneys and their clients with exceptional neutrals, personalized service, and the resources necessary to resolve even the most challenging legal matters. The firm continues to expand its presence across California and nationally. For more information about Signature Resolution’s mediation, arbitration, and other dispute resolution services, visit signatureresolution.com.