

Signature Resolution Welcomes Ambassador David L. Carden (Ret.) to Panel of Neutrals

Former US Ambassador and accomplished litigator brings decades of experience in dispute resolution to firm

LOS ANGELES (April 14, 2025) - [Signature Resolution](#), a leader in alternative dispute resolution, announces that Ambassador David L. Carden (Ret.) has joined its panel of neutrals. Ambassador Carden brings over 45 years of distinguished legal, diplomatic, and dispute resolution experience to his new role.

"I am honored to join Signature Resolution and continue my commitment to helping parties find meaningful solutions," said Ambassador Carden. "Throughout my career as a litigator, U.S. Ambassador, and mediator, I have learned that effective dispute resolution requires not only a deep understanding of the law, but also an appreciation for the personal factors that drive conflict. I look forward to working alongside the talented professionals at Signature Resolution with a calm, collaborative and comprehensive approach, ensuring that all perspectives are heard and considered."

Before joining the firm, Ambassador Carden built a distinguished legal career specializing in the defense of claims alleging fraud in the sale and trading of securities, commodities, and currencies. He also is experienced in cases involving environmental damage and mass tort. After earning his juris doctorate at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he was Order of the Coif, he began his practice at Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago, working in the Litigation Department and as part of the legal team representing Amoco in the aftermath of the Amoco Cadiz oil spill.

Ambassador Carden later became a partner at Coffield Ungaretti before joining Jones Day in 1990. He led the firm's Trial Practice department in New York and co-chaired its global Securities Litigation and Enforcement Practice. His expertise spanned complex financial instruments and products, and he represented clients in major securities fraud cases, including the Lehman Brothers defense in the Enron Litigation and Union Excess in the AIG Securities Litigation.

From 2011 to 2013, Ambassador Carden served as the first resident U.S. Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), where he fostered regional cooperation on legal, economic, and security matters.

Most recently, Ambassador Carden was a part-time mediator in commercial disputes and sits on the board of the Weinstein International Foundation, which advances global alternative dispute resolution through legislation, training, and cross-border mediation. He also chairs the Center for Rural Engagement advisory board at Indiana University and has played a significant role in domestic and global policy. His foreign policy contributions include co-chairing the Asia-Pacific subcommittee for Barack Obama's 2008 campaign, authoring *Mapping ASEAN*, and publishing articles on international affairs.

A sought-after speaker, Ambassador Carden also frequently discusses alternative dispute resolution, foreign policy, and global risk management, addressing issues that impact businesses, communities, and international systems. His accomplishments have been widely recognized, earning honors from *Chambers*, *New York Super Lawyers*, and *The New York Times*. He was named one of Lawdragon's "Lawyers You Need to Know in Securities Litigation" and received both the U.S. Department of State's Superior Honor Award and Indiana University's Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ambassador David L. Carden to Signature Resolution," said Dario Higuchi, Signature Resolution founding partner and managing member. "He has spent his career navigating some of the most complex legal and diplomatic challenges, whether in the courtroom or as the U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN. His ability to bring people together from all backgrounds makes him an exceptional mediator. He understands people and the nuances that drive disputes. His thoughtful and immersive approach will make a meaningful impact on the parties he works with at our firm."

To learn more about Ambassador David L. Carden, please visit <https://signatureresolution.com/neutral-CPT/amb-david-l-carden-ret/>.

About Signature Resolution

Founded in 2017 in the heart of Los Angeles, Signature Resolution comprises a panel of distinguished neutrals hailing from diverse backgrounds, including respected judges and trial attorneys specializing in virtually every civil practice area. The founding partners inaugurated the organization with a vision of providing the highest level of service and convenience for attorneys and their clients. Signature Resolution's panelists offer unrivaled expertise and commitment to resolve even the most challenging legal matters. In addition to the Los Angeles location, Signature Resolution also has offices in Century City, San Diego, and Oakland. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution services, visit <https://signatureresolution.com>.

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