

Signature Resolution Welcomes Hon. Ana Maria Luna (Ret.) to Panel of Neutrals

Trailblazing judge brings over 40 years of legal and judicial experience to her mediation practice

LOS ANGELES (July 21, 2025) - [Signature Resolution](#), a leader in alternative dispute resolution, is pleased to announce that Hon. Ana Maria Luna (Ret.) has joined its panel of neutrals. With over four decades of legal experience, including 32 on the bench, Judge Luna is known across California for her integrity, cultural competency, and trailblazing career spent resolving a wide variety of probate, family and civil matters.

"Throughout my career, I have committed myself to prioritizing fairness, equal understanding, and most importantly, healing from within the complex legal system," said Judge Luna. "Joining a firm like Signature Resolution has allowed me to continue the mission of helping all parties navigate with clarity and compassion. As a neutral, my goal is to foster a respectful and inclusive space where everyone feels heard, particularly in the emotionally challenging situations that family and probate law often bring. It's an honor to bring my experience and heart to this new chapter."

In 1992, Judge Luna began her judicial career as a court commissioner in the Southeast District Municipal Court. After serving for two years, she made history as the first Latina elected to that bench. In 2000, she joined the Los Angeles County Superior Court, where she served until her retirement in 2024. She presided mainly over matters in criminal, family, and probate law. Her assignments included high-conflict guardianship, custody, and trust litigation. Throughout her final years on the bench, she led the long cause probate calendar, where she managed even the most difficult cases with wisdom and grace.

A longtime advocate for collaborative and restorative justice, Judge Luna played an instrumental role in developing the Southeast District's Drug Court. She chaired the Los Angeles County Proposition 36 Steering Committee, where she helped implement California's treatment-over-incarceration initiative. Through her work with the VERA Institute of Justice, Judge Luna was successful in advising many nationwide jurisdictions that led to the creation of effective treatment court models across the country.

"Judge Luna brings a rare combination of cultural fluency, trailblazing leadership, and unique experience to Signature Resolution," said Dario Higuchi, Signature Resolution founding partner and managing member. "Her empathetic, yet equitable approach to reaching fair resolutions on the bench has set her up for undeniable success as a neutral. We couldn't be more thrilled to have an honorable pioneer in collaborative justice reform joining our panel."

Before serving on the bench, Judge Luna practiced family law followed by serving as a Deputy Public Defender for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. She credits this experience as a focal point in career that shaped her overall approach to justice. She holds a J.D. from the USC Gould School of Law and a B.S. in biological sciences and Spanish from UC Irvine.

Outside the courtroom, Judge Luna served on the California Judicial Council. She was elected as president of the Latino Judges of California and vice president of the California Judges Association. Additionally, she has been a faculty member at both the California Judicial College and the National Judicial College in Reno. She is often a lecturer on family, probate, and immigration crossover issues at many colleges and universities.

To learn more about Hon. Ana Maria Luna (Ret.), please visit <https://signatureresolution.com/neutral-CPT/hon-ana-maria-luna-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 Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego and Century City. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution services, visit signatureresolution.com.

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