

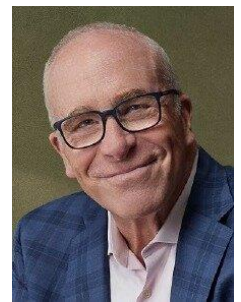
Longtime Gibson Dunn Litigator Joins Signature Resolution

By James Mills

Law360 (November 14, 2025, 10:05 AM EST) -- The alternative dispute resolution service Signature Resolution is bringing in a retired Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP trial attorney to join its panel of neutrals.

Litigator Scott A. Edelman joined Signature this week after 40 years at Gibson Dunn, where he was co-chair of the firm's media, entertainment and technology practice group and its transnational litigation practice group.

Edelman will work out of Signature's Century City office in Los Angeles, but will also handle virtual cases as well.



Scott A. Edelman

In a Thursday interview, Edelman told Law360 Pulse that he officially retired from Gibson Dunn at the end of December 2024, but his intention was to become a neutral after spending some time traveling.

"I got to the point where I said, 'This has been a great ride [at Gibson Dunn], but I am ready to do something different,'" Edelman said. "I don't want to disappear from the law. I really like lawyers. I've almost always gotten along with my opposing counsel. I thought this would be a fabulous way to try to apply my legal skills in a slightly different way."

He chose to retire from Gibson Dunn while there was still time to explore other things.

"I felt like if I wanted to try to do something a little different from what I had been doing, now is the time because I still feel like I have all my energy," Edelman said. "I still feel young. I'm 66, but I don't feel old. I still feel like I've got it in me, and I didn't want to be one of those people who stayed on too long. I wanted to leave at the top of my game."

Edelman is excited about using his experiences with clients and in the courtroom in a different way.

"I'm looking forward to mediating," Edelman said. "I've been representing clients for 40 years, so I know what guides their decisions and I have an ability to ferret out what's really going on in a lawsuit and figure out the litigation dynamic and the possibility of settlement. And that excites me."

In his time at Gibson Dunn, Edelman argued many cases on matters including intellectual property, antitrust and employment. He notably litigated the cable channel AMC's "Walking Dead" profit participation dispute, as well as major transnational mass tort cases for Dole PLC and Chevron.

"I hope to be able to do a lot of entertainment and intellectual property cases," Edelman said, "but I also hope to be able to mediate and help with almost any kind of commercial dispute."

Signature Resolution was founded in 2017 and has six California offices: in downtown Los Angeles, Century City, San Diego, Oakland, Santa Clara and San Francisco, plus virtual services and an affiliated service in Bakersfield.

"Scott is known for his excellence and integrity in the legal community," Dario Higuchi, Signature Resolution founding partner and managing member, said in a statement. "His leadership at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, his success in landmark cases like the 'Walking Dead' litigation, and his national recognition as both a litigator and mentor speak volumes about his dedication and skill."

Edelman, who grew up in Los Angeles, earned his law degree in 1984 at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law after earning his bachelor's degree at Stanford University.

He joined Gibson Dunn in 1985 after a yearlong federal clerkship. Although he always intended to be a litigator, he ended up getting trial work early in his career.

"I had the great fortune of when I was a young associate to get some great trial experience in my first couple of years, which is hard to do, and I was lucky," Edelman said. "That led to people sending me more trial work, and then I got a reputation as a trial lawyer and it fed on itself. As a result of that I had the opportunity to try cases in a lot of different areas — antitrust cases, antitrust class actions, labor and employment class actions, environmental cases, real estate, probate. I had a very broad-based commercial practice."

Edelman was one of just five people named to The Hollywood Reporter's "Legal Legends" list in 2022 and was also named a Top 100 "Power Lawyer" by Variety in 2013 for his professional achievements. Beyond his practice, he has served in leadership and mentorship roles with the Bet Tzedek legal services organization, PBS station KCET, the Alliance for Children's Rights, Wilshire Boulevard Temple and the American Jewish Committee.

Now, he's excited to be a part of the Signature Resolution team.

"I'm looking forward to seeing where that takes me at Signature," Edelman said. "It's an unbelievable, friendly place. It's got a great esprit de corps."

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