

Signature Resolution Welcomes Daniel V. Kohls to Panel of Neutrals

First-chair trial and appellate veteran with over 30 years of experience joins as mediator

SAN FRANCISCO (MARCH 2, 2026) - [Signature Resolution](#) is pleased to announce that Daniel V. Kohls has joined its panel of neutrals. Kohls has more than three decades of first-chair trial and appellate experience, which he will bring to his work as a mediator. He offers parties the rare perspective of a lawyer who has navigated the full arc of high-stakes litigation from trial through verdict.

“Throughout my 30 years in the courtroom, I’ve learned that the most meaningful resolutions happen when parties move beyond the conflict to focus on their future,” said Kohls. “Joining Signature Resolution allows me to apply my trial and appellate experience toward helping people find clarity amidst complex disputes. I am eager to provide a space where parties feel heard and empowered to reach their settlements.”

Kohls’ practice at Signature Resolution focuses on business and commercial litigation, professional liability, legal malpractice, and insurance claims litigation. Known for his steady presence, candor and his empathy, Kohls is particularly skilled at translating dense legal positions into realistic pathways for all parties aiming to find resolution. His style as a neutral is characterized by thorough preparation and his commitment to helping individuals, especially those who may have felt overlooked during litigation, feel genuinely seen and understood in mediation.

Before joining Signature Resolution, Kohls built a distinguished career spanning over three decades. He served as the Managing Partner at Hansen, Kohls, Sommer & Jacob, LLP, where he led the Sacramento office for over 20 years while maintaining an active practice focused on business litigation, professional liability, and insurance bad faith matters. Kohls began his legal career in San Francisco at LaFollette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler & Ames, representing public entities and businesses in all phases of litigation.

“Mr. Kohls has a tremendous reputation as a litigator and trial lawyer and that experience will be invaluable to our clients when bringing disputes to a resolution,” said Dario Higuchi, Chief Executive Officer of Signature Resolution. “Clients trust him because his guidance is grounded in real courtroom experience and a steady, thoughtful approach.”

A member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Kohls has handled numerous jury trials and argued several significant cases resulting in published appellate decisions, including *Portico*

v. Harrison and Panakosta v. Hammer Lane. This depth of experience allows him to help parties accurately reexamine leverage, exposure, and the inherent risks of allowing a case to reach a verdict.

In addition to his professional work, Kohls is known for his adventurous spirit, enjoying bungee jumping and motorcycling, a temperament that translates into a mediation style that embraces challenges with discipline and confidence.

Kohls earned his Juris Doctor from the McGeorge School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley.

To learn more about Daniel V. Kohls, please visit <https://signatureresolution.com/neutral-CPT/daniel-v-kohls/>.

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 Bakersfield, Century City, Oakland, Santa Clara, San Diego, and San Francisco. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution services, visit signatureresolution.com.