

Signature Resolution Expands Orange County Panel with Hon. Erick L. Larsh (Ret.)

Former Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court brings judicial authority, disciplined preparation, and clear-eyed case evaluation to mediation

ORANGE COUNTY, CA (MARCH 16, 2026) — [Signature Resolution](#) is proud to announce that Hon. Erick L. Larsh (Ret.) has joined its panel of neutrals, where he will serve as a mediator, arbitrator, and judicial and discovery referee. A former Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court, Judge Larsh brings a rare combination of judicial authority and practical courtroom perspective to dispute resolution, helping parties assess risk honestly, confront the realities of their position, and reach informed, durable agreements.

Known for his exceptional command of case detail and ability to focus proceedings on what matters most for resolution, Judge Larsh approaches mediation with the same precision, candor, and commitment to lasting settlement that he brought to the bench. Having served as both a prosecutor and a private practitioner before his judicial appointment, he brings a unique multi-perspective awareness to each case, and uses that awareness to help parties see their dispute from every angle. He listens closely, asks direct questions, and creates the conditions for productive conversation even in high-stakes, emotionally charged matters.

“Having spent two decades on the bench, I understand how cases are evaluated from the judicial perspective and what ultimately influences outcomes. In mediation, my role is to help parties see their dispute clearly, assess risk realistically, and make informed decisions. Resolution requires preparation, candor, and a willingness to look at a case from more than one angle. My goal is to provide a steady, disciplined process that helps parties move forward with clarity and confidence.”

Before joining Signature Resolution, Judge Larsh spent two decades on the Orange County Superior Court, appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2005. He presided over complex civil litigation, business disputes, insurance bad faith matters, personal injury cases, and professional liability claims. In an unconventional move for a senior judge, he chose to serve seven years in the Family Law department, presiding over some of the court's most complex and sensitive proceedings. That experience deepened his ability to balance legal precision with the human dynamics that shape dispute settlement, and reinforced his steady, disciplined approach to moving cases from conflict to resolution.

"Few transitions from the bench to private dispute resolution feel as natural as Judge Larsh's," said Dario Higuchi, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Signature Resolution. "We are proud to have him representing the Signature Resolution standard of excellence."

Judge Larsh founded the North Orange County Drug Court Program, and served as an Adjunct Professor at Biola University for fifteen years, teaching criminology and juvenile delinquency. He has been recognized as Judge of the Year by both the Orange County Trial Lawyers and the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and received the J.E.T. Rutter Award for Outstanding Judicial Contribution to Family Law from the Orange County Bar Association. He remains committed to public service through his work with community organizations in Orange County.

Judge Larsh earned his Juris Doctor from Western State University College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminal Justice from California State University, Fullerton.

To learn more about Hon. Erick L. Larsh (Ret.), please visit: [LINK](#)

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, San Francisco, and Orange County. For more information about the firm's mediation, arbitration, and other dispute resolution services, visit signatureresolution.com.