

**Tulare County Superior Court
Mediator/Arbitrator Profile**

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Fee: 2024 Mediation Rates:

▪ Practice limited to mediation.

\$5,000 for full day; \$3,000 for half day.

**Hourly rate of \$500 per hour applies after
8hours/4hours respectively.**

Rate as agreed for weekend, evening mediation.

**Rate for mediation with more than three parties or
extraordinary matters billed at 1.5 rate schedule.**

**Pre and post mediation substantive work at hourly
rate.**

**\$250 per hour travel time outside of Fresno/Tulare
Counties.**

Administrative Costs: None.

Expenses: No facility fee if taking place at Baker Manock & Jensen.

Deposit: Half/Full day fee required one week prior to mediation.

Cancellation/Continuance Policy: 5 full calendar days prior to mediation, consideration given for extenuating circumstances.

Payment Responsibility: All parties.

ADR Experience: Extensive case settlement experience during judicial career; practice limited to mediated matters since 2016.

Areas of Emphasis/Experience: Estate, Trust, Probate, Conservatorship matters, real property issues, business disputes including dissolution of business relationships.

**Are you willing and qualified to provide arbitration services?
Yes – qualified. Prefer not to provide service as an arbitrator.**

Additional Information:

ADR Education: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution; Pepperdine University School of Law; multiple courses, 2013-2016.

Harvard Law School; Harvard Negotiation Institute – 2016.

Certified Specialist: Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by State Bar of California 1994-2019.



HONORABLE
**ROBERT H.
OLIVER** (RET.)

SPECIALIZING IN MEDIATION / DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Judge Robert Oliver has more than 40 years of legal experience in Fresno County. After having served as a business and estate planning lawyer for 22 years, Oliver served Fresno County Courts for nearly 20 years. Just before retiring from the bench in January 2015, he sat by assignment on the Court of Appeal, Fifth District in November-December 2014. In 2015 he joined Baker Manock & Jensen as Of Counsel, specializing in mediation/dispute resolution and is a Board Certified Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Specialist.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Judge Oliver has extensive experience not only as a judge, but also as an attorney serving clients and their varied needs which places him in the best position to be able to gain the confidence of the client, identify both the strengths and weaknesses of a case, identify and deal with stated and unstated issues while working diligently to reach consensus. Among his assignments, Judge Oliver served in the trial department for 11 years, presiding over more than 200 jury trials. While a Supervising Judge of the Probate Division, he was directly involved in more than 200 case settlements. He also served as:

- A member of the appellate panel of the Superior Court
- Presiding judge of the five-court Juvenile Department
- Chair of the Court's jury oversight committee and a member of statewide committees dealing with jury and judicial outreach issues
- An elected member of the Executive Committee of the Fresno County Superior Court for more than nine years
- As a member of the Executive Board of the California Judges Association and in 2008 was elected Vice President
- Vice President of the California Judges Association Foundation

Judge Oliver has also been a law school adjunct faculty member teaching secured real property transactions and corporate law. He taught business organization law for the paralegal program at San Joaquin College of Law and business law at the Craig School of Business, California State University, Fresno. Throughout his career, he has been a frequent speaker and panelist on a variety of subjects including: communicating effectively; conflict resolution in the probate case; ethical issues for the business lawyer; the realities of succession planning; practical charitable giving ideas; and ethical considerations for the estate planning professional.

EDUCATION MATTERS

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Family Law Mediation (2015)
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Advanced Mediation (2014)
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Mediating the Litigated Case (2013)
- U.S. Air Force Air War College (seminar program graduate, 1984)
- American College, Bryn Mawr, PA (Chartered Life Underwriter designation, 1974)
- Golden Gate University School of Law (J.D., 1973)
- California State University, Fresno (B.S., Business Administration, 1966)

SERVICE MATTERS

To resolve disagreements between people through mediation, you must have empathy and understanding that only comes through a variety of life experiences, dedication and service--not only to your legal profession but also to your community. Here are just a few examples of organizations where Judge Oliver served either as president or chair:

- Saint Agnes Medical Center Foundation
- Rotary Club of Fresno
- Fresno City and County Historical Society
- Fresno Estate Planning Council
- Fresno County Interagency Council for Children and Families
- California State University, Fresno Foundation
- National Conference of Bar Foundations
- The Foundation of the State Bar of California
- Fresno County Bar Association
- Fresno County Young Lawyers

Oliver was also elected a member and a vice president of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California and was appointed to the Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission (JNE).

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION MATTERS

- Hon. Blaine Pettit Mentor Award, Fresno County Young Lawyers, 2014
- Champion of Justice Award, Central California Legal Services Inc., 2014
- Bernard E. Witkin Lifetime Achievement Award, Fresno County Bar Association, 2014
- Judicial Office of the Year - Leadership Award, California Bench-Bar Coalition, 2011
- California State University, Fresno, Distinguished Alumnus "TOP DOG", 2010
- California State University, Fresno, Foundation Service Award, 2010
- Central California Legal Services Award, 2002
- Leon S. Peters Award for Exemplary Service to the Community and His Profession, 2002
- Outstanding Alumnus, Golden Gate University School of Law, 1999
- Outstanding Alumnus of the California State University, Fresno, Craig School of Business, 1997

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California, 1973
- United States District Court
- United States Tax Court

JUDGE OLIVER'S COMMITMENT

Prior to serving as a judge in the Fresno County Courts, I spent 22 years as a business and estate-planning attorney - planning, anticipating issues and solving problems. Serving as a judge for 20 years increased my awareness of the emotional and financial costs of litigation and the vast benefits of resolving disputes short of trial. It was not a difficult decision to continue my professional career focusing solely on mediation, creating a civil environment where clients can address demanding issues with respect and self-determination. This process is designed to lead to the best possible solutions after carefully considering alternatives, understanding the position of the "other side" and evaluating the risks of trial.

"My ongoing commitment to mediation is to work with you and your clients to reach innovative, satisfying solutions to complex problems that will allow all parties to move forward with their personal and professional lives."

- HON. ROBERT H. OLIVER, RET.

- To effectively mediate, Judge Oliver needs your mediation brief at least three (3) days in advance of mediation. Judge Oliver will contact you personally prior to the date of the scheduled mediation.
- Evening and weekend engagements to meet your needs are available as agreed upon.
- Mediation in Fresno, King, Madera, and Merced counties are offered at no additional travel charges. Travel charges are applied outside of the above mentioned areas.
- Fee schedule and other information available upon request.

**Baker Manock
& Jensen** PC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions to discuss with Judge Oliver, please contact him directly at:

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