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Anne M. Lawlor Goyette

Anne M. Lawlor Goyette has streamlined and resolved thousands of civil disputes as a full time Special Master, Mediator and Arbitrator since 1998. The majority of these cases are multiparty complex cases involving construction, real estate, insurance and related issues. Ms. Goyette also has mediated hundreds of medical product cases nationwide.

Ms. Goyette is an ADR panelist for numerous appellate, state and federal courts, serves as Special Master and Referee for more than two dozen California Superior Courts and acts as Special Master and Arbitrator in national and statewide class actions. She enjoys the highest Top Rated Lawyer-AV® Preeminent™ Martindale Hubbell rating, *Super Lawyers®* distinction in Alternative Dispute Resolution and California Charter Membership in the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Sample of Recent Resolutions

Nationwide medical product cases, including numerous pelvic mesh cases filed in multi-district litigation.

Consolidated cases resolving millions in damages due to large landslide at three neighboring Napa properties.

Property damage and subrogation claims arising out of fire that destroyed homes in retirement community.

Consolidated cases involving \$ 12 million in alleged damages and personal injuries arising out of renovation work and a fire at a historic hotel.

More than \$ 50 million in damages alleged against three dozen parties for defects and economic loss at a large public university with repairs performed during litigation.

Consolidated action for +\$ 3 million in damages against construction manager, bankrupt contractor, subcontractors for defects, delay damages at beach resort.

More than \$ 11 million in alleged damages against designer, product manufacturer, construction trades for defects at 270 unit high rise building.

Homeowners' \$ 4.5 million claim for HOA alleged failure to repair leak that caused mold, property damages.

Numerous multi million dollar cases asserting construction defects, indemnity, breach of contract, recovery on mechanic's liens, economic loss, insurance issues, delay damages.

Commercial lease, residential purchase and sale, securities-related arbitrations.

Education

J.D. Santa Clara University School of Law, 1988

American Jurisprudence Award in Alternative Dispute Resolution

American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law

Law Review Comments Editor (Highest Score), Dean's List

A.B.A. Client Counseling Competition, Regional Finalist

Emery Law Scholarship

U.C. Davis, B.A., Political Science Public Service, Chancellor's Outstanding Senior Award, Warner Communications Scholarship

**Additional
Training**

Harvard Law School, Program on Negotiation, Mediation (40 hrs 2007)

U.S.D.C., Alternative Dispute Resolution Training (20 hrs 2002)

U.S.D.C., ADA Access Mediation Training (2019)

California Court of Appeal, Advanced Mediation Programs (40 hours 2009-2018)

California Court of Appeal, Mediation Training Program (30 hrs 2008)

Bar Association of San Francisco, Comprehensive Mediation Training (40 hrs 2000)

Elder Mediation Training (15 hours 2009)

ABA, Comprehensive Training in Commercial Arbitration (25 hours 2011)

FINRA, Arbitration Training (16 hours 2011)

**Professional
Experience**

Griffiths • Goyette Serve as Mediator, Special Master, Discovery Referee, Dispute Resolution Facilitator and Arbitrator throughout California (1998-present)

Court ADR Program Panelist U.S.D.C., Northern District of California; Court of Appeal (1st, 3rd, 6th); Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma County Superior Courts

Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon, San Francisco Litigation (1988-1998)

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Admissions

California State Bar and District Courts; U.S. Court of Appeals (9th Circuit)

**Professional
Affiliations**

American Bar Association, Northern California Women in Dispute Resolution
Regional Committee Co-Chair, (ADR, Business Law, Construction)
California Dispute Resolution Council
California Licensed Real Estate Broker
California State Bar Association
FINRA Arbitration Panelist
San Francisco Bar Association (ADR)
San Mateo County Bar Association (ADR)
U.S.D.C., Northern District of California, Advanced Mediation Practice Group
The San Francisco Mediation Society

Honors

Martindale Hubbell Top Rated Lawyer-AV® Preeminent™ Rating since 2005
Super Lawyers® distinction in Alternative Dispute Resolution
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, California Charter Member 2006

Publications

[A Conversation About Mediation Strategies](#), ABA Podcast (2021)
[Active Settlement Construction](#), The Mediation Society (2012)
[Building Settlements](#), *Plaintiff Magazine* (2016)
[Complex Neighbors: Santa Cruz & Santa Clara](#), *Daily Journal* (2016)
[Courts Up Close: Alameda County](#), *Daily Journal* (2016)
[Effective Settlement Strategies](#), *The Docket*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (2013)
[Liability On The Contract](#), Co-Author, *Claims Against Design Professionals* (1995)
[Preparation is The Key](#), *West Coast Casualty's CD Seminar Program* (2009)
[Settlement Construction](#), *Daily Journal* (2009)
[Settlement of CD Cases](#), *ADC Defense Comment* Vol. 26, No. 1 (2011)
[Simplified Problem Solving: Anne Goyette](#), by Don DeBenedictis, *Daily Journal* (2021)
[Special Masters: The Court's \(not so\) Secrete Weapon](#), *Daily Journal* (2022)
[Take Five](#), *Daily Journal* (2021)
[The Role of Special Masters in Resolving Complex Cases](#), *Plaintiff Magazine* (2019)
[Using Special Masters in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara Superior Courts](#), *The Recorder Article Series* (2011 - 2012)
[Virtual ADR Relief Zooming In](#), *Linked In* (2020)

Briefed Markborough v. Superior Court (1991) 227 Cal.App.3d 705

**Select
Speaking
& Coaching
Engagements**

ABA Constructing Cost Effective Productive Expert Solutions (2017),
Resolving Complex Costly Litigation (2018), Negotiation Competition (2019)
ABA Forum on Construction Law, Advanced Mediation Skills Practicum (2022)
Bar Association of San Francisco Meeting of the Masters (2008)
CLM Emerging Subcontractor Battles (2017), Effective Strategies for Resolving
Catastrophic Construction Site Injury Claims (2021), The Reality of Virtual
Trials, Depositions, Arbitrations and Mediations (2022)
FEWA Conference Ethical Issues For Experts and Counsel (2016)
Lorman Education Services, Multiparty Settlement Negotiation Strategies To
Benefit Your Client (2021)
San Francisco AIA & SEAONC Resolving Design Claims (2009)
San Mateo County Bar Association Arbitration Ethics (2007), Mediation
Ethics (2008), Class Action Ethics (2009), Settlement Negotiation Ethics (2013),
Fee Agreements (2015), Mediation Best Practices (2020)
Santa Clara Law School Coach Representation in Mediation (2019)
Stanford University Continuing Studies Instructor Public Speaking (2014)
Stanford Law School Instructor Trial Advocacy Workshop (2009)
U.S.D.C., Northern District of California, Coach Mediator Training (2019)
West Coast Casualty CD Seminar Everyone's A Small Player (2018)