



**Mediation Case Manager:**

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**GENERAL BACKGROUND**

As a mediator and arbitrator, John draws on his nearly 40 years as a practicing lawyer handling complex healthcare and commercial matters. John litigated numerous challenging business and commercial cases in state and federal courts, arbitration proceedings, and government investigations and enforcement actions, trying nearly two dozen trials and arbitrations to judgment. He has participated in dozens of mediations as counsel and as a mediator, and brings to the mediation process both his years of broad experience and specialized focus in healthcare and commercial disputes. In addition to serving as a mediator and arbitrator, John is also retained by clients and their counsel to provide neutral evaluations of their cases and to serve as settlement counsel, either in a consulting role or in direct negotiations and mediations.

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**LIBBY ADR LLC**, Los Angeles, California  
Healthcare and Commercial Mediator, Arbitrator and Settlement Counsel, February 2024-present

**MANATT, PHELPS & PHILLIPS, LLP**, Los Angeles, California  
Partner, April 1995-January 2024  
Trial, White Collar and Investigations Practice Group

**U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**, Los Angeles, California  
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, September 1989-March 1995

**MUNGER TOLLES & OLSON**, Los Angeles, California  
Litigation Associate, April 1987-August 1989

**ARNOLD & PORTER**, Washington, D.C.  
Litigation Associate, September 1984-January 1987

**EDUCATION**

**YALE LAW SCHOOL**, New Haven, Connecticut

- J.D., May 1984.
- Article and Book Review Editor, *Yale Journal of International Law*, 1983-84.

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, Stanford, California

- B.A. with Honors, History and Political Science, June 1980 (elected to Phi Beta Kappa).



## **MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION TRAINING**

- Advanced Mediation Training, New York Peace Institute, Online, January 2024.
- Mediating the Litigated Case, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine/Caruso School of Law, Malibu CA, March 2023.
- Commercial Mediation and Advanced Commercial Mediation, New York State Bar Association, Online, October-November 2021.
  - Returned to serve as a Speaker/Facilitator, New York, March, October 2023 and May 2024.
- Mediating Commercial and Litigated Cases, American Institute of Mediation, On Demand Video, May 2020.
- 16th Annual Arbitration Training Institute, American Bar Association, New York NY, March 2023.
- Health Care Arbitration Training, American Health Lawyers Association, Online, December 2022.
- Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Online Arbitration Training, August 2023.

## **NEUTRAL PANELS**

- American Arbitration Association National Roster and Healthcare Specialty Panel, September 2023-present
- Mediator and Arbitrator, American Health Lawyers Association, March 2023-present.
- Mediation Panel, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, August 2022-present.
- Mediation Volunteer Panel, Los Angeles Superior Court, August 2024-present
- Settlement Officer, Resolve Law LA Program, Los Angeles Superior Court, June 2022-present.
- Mediation Panel, Bronx Supreme Court, April 2023-July 2024.
- Mediator and Arbitrator, Attorney-Client Mediation and Arbitration Services, Los Angeles County Bar, April 2023-present.



### **BAR MEMBERSHIPS, RECOGNITIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Member in good standing of California, District of Columbia, and New York Bars.
- Admitted to the bars of the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeal for the District of Columbia, Second and Ninth Circuits, and all United States District Courts in California, New York and the District of Columbia.
- Co-Chair, Newsletter Subcommittee, Pre-Trial Practice and Discovery Committee, Litigation Section, American Bar Association, March 2024-present
- Board Member, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, 2017-present.
- Served as Senior Special Counsel, Voting Rights Project, Lawyers Committee, September-December 2020.
- Temporary Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court, August 2021-present.
- Named to The Best Lawyers in America, 2013–present, LawDragon 500 Leading Litigators in America 2022, American Lawyer Top Ranked Litigator 2023, and Southern California Super Lawyers, 2004–present.