

Rebecca Callahan is invited to join the American College of E-Neutrals as a Fellow



REBECCA CALLAHAN

IN NOVEMBER 2017, the American College of e-Neutrals selected Rebecca to join the college as one of its distinguished Fellows. To be included in ACE-SIN's roster of e-Neutrals, the neutral must first meet the highest national standards for competence in both alternative dispute resolution and e-discovery.

Both the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the California Code of Civil Procedure have been amended to allow one party in a lawsuit to discover electronically stored information (ESI) of another party. Commonly referred to as "e-discovery," the amendments added a new dimension to lawsuits that can be costly if not handled properly. Disputes about e-discovery have placed a strain on limited judicial resources and increased the amount of discovery motion practice (e.g., motions to compel, motions for protective orders, motions for sanctions or evidence preclusion orders). The courts and parties need help navigating e-discovery issues in a cost-effective manner. An "e-neutral" is a neutral third-party referee who resolves discovery disputes involving ESI and helps to resolve e-discovery disputes in a timely and efficient manner while promoting party cooperation. An "e-neutral" can also serve in the capacity as a mediator, so as to provide the parties with the benefit of privacy and confidentiality concerning the discussion and negotiation and nega-

tion about whatever e-discovery matters might be in dispute.

Rebecca has had experience with e-discovery as both a litigator (before becoming a full-time neutral) and as an arbitrator. Additionally, she has engaged in a course of study regarding the 2015 amendments to the FRCP and the evolving notion of what constitutes "best practices" con-

cerning preservation, collection, search, review and proportionality as being defined by the courts, the Sedona Conference and other groups dedicated to advancing knowledge and understanding in this area of practice.

Rebecca is a recognized expert in the field of dispute resolution. She teaches Arbitration and Mediation as an adjunct professor at Pepperdine School of Law / Straus Institute, from which she received an LLM in dispute resolution in 2007. She is also on the Faculty of the American Arbitration Association University where she presents skills training courses on a variety of arbitration and mediation topics, including e-discovery in arbitration.

Rebecca is available to serve as a discovery referee or mediator in litigation and arbitration matters.

For more information, please visit Rebecca's website at www.callahanADR.com.



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Areas of Specialization

- Banking & Finance
- Business / Commercial Contracts
- Business Dissolution & Windup
- E-Discovery Disputes
- Employment
- Wills and Trusts Disputes
- Financial Elder Abuse
- Fraud / Misappropriation / Tracing Disputes
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy Litigation
- Real Property

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, J.D.
- University of Southern California, B.A.
- Pepperdine University School of Law / Straus Institute, LL.M. in Dispute Resolution

Alternative Dispute Resolution Panels

- American Arbitration Association, Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Panels
- United States District Court / Central District of California, Panel Mediator
- Court of Appeal / Second District, Panel Mediator
- Orange County Superior Court, Panel Mediator

Professional Associations

- American College of E-Neutrals, Fellow
- Orange County Bar Association
 - Director 2014-2016
 - ADR Section, Seminar Chair 2013-2015
 - ADR Section, Chair 2013
- Pepperdine Straus American Inn of Court for Dispute Resolution
 - Founding Member 2017
 - Executive Committee Member 2017-2019
 - Secretary-Treasurer 2017-2019
- Peter M. Elliott Inn of Court, Past President

Court Admissions

- California Bar
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Central District, U.S. District Court
- Eastern District, U.S. District Court
- Northern District, U.S. District Court
- Southern District, U.S. District Court

Skills Trainer / Lecturer / Presenter

- American Arbitration Association University, Faculty
- Pepperdine University School of Law / Straus Institute, Adjunct Professor
- Numerous Speaking Engagements - *[Please visit website at www.callahanADR.com]*

Personal

- Married to Rich Keys, an attorney and principal of Bidna & Keys APLC
- One son, Alex Keys, an entrepreneur / business owner
- Hobbies and interests include bridge, the gym and walking her dogs



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