

Rebecca Callahan is invited to become a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators



IN MAY 2018, the College of Commercial Arbitrators (CCA) invited Rebecca to become a Fellow. Fellowship in the CCA is by invitation of its Board, provided that a prospect is sponsored by other Fellows. To be considered for Fellowship, a proposed candidate must have served as a neutral arbitrator for a minimum of 10 years and must have demonstrated to her peers that she has the professional training, judgment and experience to undertake the most complex and difficult arbitration cases.

The CCA was established in 2001, and both celebrates and advocates excellence in the field of commercial arbitration. It is recognized as the world's most prestigious commercial arbitration professional organization. As such, the CCA defines and promotes the highest standards of arbitrator ethics, conduct and best practices in commercial arbitration. One area in which this dedication to excellence is demonstrated is the "Guide to Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration," published by the CCA, which is in its Fourth Edition (just released in 2017).

The Fellows of the CCA meet and communicate regularly with a view toward sharing professional experiences and ideas about commercial arbitration. The CCA is committed to creating and maintaining a collegial, non-confrontational and rich intellectual environment to further the development and advancement of the field of commercial arbitration and those who practice in this arena.

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.

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- **American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator / Mediator**
- **American College of E-Neutrals, Fellow**
- **College of Commercial Arbitrators, Fellow**
- **California Court of Appeal, 2nd District, Panel Mediator**
- **Pepperdine / Straus American Inn of Court for Dispute Resolution, Founding Member, Secretary and Program Chair**
- **Pepperdine University School of Law, Adjunct Professor**
- **United States District Court, Central District of California, Panel Mediator**

Ms. Callahan is a 30-year, AV rated attorney who has practiced in Orange County, California her entire career, and handled complex business litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout California and many out-of-state jurisdictions. This experience covered a broad spectrum of industries and subject matters – including business/commercial contracts, commercial lending, commercial leasing, equipment leasing, intellectual property, purchase and sale of businesses, partnership dissolution, financial elder abuse, employer / employee relations, franchisor-franchisee relations, real property purchase, sale and development, probate and wills and trusts disputes.

For the past 20 years, Ms. Callahan has been engaged in alternative dispute resolution work as a mediator, arbitrator, settlement advisor and arbitration consultant. She has been in the ADR trenches for over 15 years and knows how to put theory into practice. In this regard, Ms. Callahan is known for her advance preparation, creative thinking, high energy, and collaborative style, as well as her ability to bring difficult disputes to a close in an efficient, economic, thoughtful and fair manner.

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various arbitration and mediation topics. Additionally, Ms. Callahan speaks and writes on numerous advanced topics directed at advancing awareness, understanding and utilization of the litigation alternatives available to disputing parties and the strategic use of same.

Community involvement has always been important to Ms. Callahan. When her son was young, she served on the boards of a non-profits that raised money for academic and athletic programs at Foothill High in Tustin. As an attorney, she has served on State Bar Committees and the Orange County Bar Association Board of Directors, advancing civility, ethics, and education of the bar. Currently, Ms. Callahan is serving on the Executive Committee of the Pepperdine / Straus American Inn of Court for Dispute Resolution, one of only two Inns in the country, whose mission is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility and other professional skills relating to dispute resolution and conflict management. Most recently, Ms. Callahan was invited to join the board of Young Lives Redeemed, a non-profit that takes transitional age emancipated foster youth off the streets and puts them on a pathway to stability and self-sufficiency, many times helping them overcome the challenges created by homelessness and drug addiction.

Ms. Callahan received her JD from the Cal Berkeley (Boalt Hall) and her undergraduate degree from USC. In 2007, she earned an LLM in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University School of Law / Straus Institute.

