



**Rebecca Callahan, Esq.** is an attorney mediator / arbitrator who specializes in resolving business disputes – large and small. She has been a mediator for over 20 years and an arbitrator for over 12 years. She is on the Large Complex Case, Bankruptcy, Commercial, Consumer and Asbestos Settlement Trust Panels of the American Arbitration Association as both a mediator and arbitrator. She is also on the international panel of the American Arbitration Association (ICDR).



Rebecca's experience in dispute resolution covers a broad spectrum of industries and subject matters, including general business and commercial contracts, cannabis licensing, cannabis business sales, cryptocurrency investments, commercial lending, commercial real property leasing and sale, equipment leasing, intellectual property development, ownership and licensing, purchase and sale of businesses, intra-partner disputes involving accountings, dissociation and dissolution, financial elder abuse, employer / employee relations, franchisor-franchisee relations, real property purchase, sale and development, wills and trusts disputes involving trustees versus beneficiaries, beneficiaries versus beneficiaries, claims of undue influence and will contests.

Rebecca has incorporated into her practice the use of remote technology tools to facilitate moving mediation and arbitration matters forward to a resolution even during these uncertain times due to COVID-19. She is equipped to offer virtual hearings and online mediations using a variety of video-conferencing platforms.

For the past 20 years, Ms. Callahan has been engaged in alternative dispute resolution as a mediator, arbitrator, settlement advisor and arbitration consultant. She has been in the ADR trenches 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. She has been appointed as arbitrator in over 75 matters, and has served as mediator in over 1,000 matters. For more information, please see Ms. Callahan's Case Summaries posted on her website.

For more information, please visit Rebecca's website at [www.callahanADR.com](http://www.callahanADR.com).

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

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- Accounting / Valuation / Ownership Disputes
- Banking & Finance Disputes
- Breach of Business & Commercial Contracts
- Business Dissolution & Windup
- E-Discovery Disputes
- Employment / Workplace Disputes
- Financial Elder Abuse
- Fraud / Misappropriation / Tracing Disputes
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy Litigation
- Partnership / Closely-Held Entity Disputes
- Real Property Purchase, Sale and Leasing Disputes
- Wills and Trusts Disputes

## **EDUCATION**

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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**

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American Arbitration Association, Large Complex Case, International (ICDR), Bankruptcy, Commercial, Consumer and Asbestos Settlement Trust Panels, Arbitrator and Mediator

Court of Appeal / Second District, Panel Mediator

Orange County Superior Court, Panel Mediator

United States District Court / Central District of California, Panel Mediator (2002-2019)

United States Bankruptcy Court / Central District of California, Panel Mediator (1995-2015)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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College of Commercial Arbitrators, Fellow and Member of the Education Committee

ADR Committee of the Litigation Section of the California Lawyers Association, Member and Vice Chair

ABA Dispute Resolution Section, Member

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, Arbitration and Mediation Panel Member

Orange County Bar Association, Past Director and Past ADR Section Chair

## **COURT ADMISSIONS**

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California Bar

U.S. Supreme Court

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court, Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California

## **SKILLS TRAINER / LECTURER / PRERSENTER**

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American Arbitration Association University, Faculty

Pepperdine University School of Law / Straus Institute, Adjunct Professor

## **PERSONAL**

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Married to Rich Keys, an attorney and principal of Bidna & Keys APLC

One son, Alex Keys, an entrepreneur / business owner, married to Jacqueline, an HR specialist

Hobbies and interests include learning a new language (Spanish), bridge, the gym and walking her dogs