



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

PROBATE MEDIATOR PROFILE

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I. CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mediator Name: Timothy Riley, c/o Kathy Purcell, case manager

Organization/Firm/Company: West Coast Resolution

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II. EDUCATION / SPECIALIZATION:

Describe your relevant education and specialization(s) (specify the name(s) and location(s) of the institution(s) attended, the dates of attendance, and the specific degree(s) and/or certifications conferred):

Education/Specialization:

Please see attached.

Probate, Trust, and Estate Planning Education, and Other Relevant Education:

Please see attached.

III. PROBATE AND OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Describe your probate and other relevant experience (for each legal practice or employer, specify the relevant dates, practice/employer name and location, and the specific practice areas and/or types of relevant experience such as real estate or tax):

Please see attached.

Last updated: 5/12/17

IV. MEDIATION TRAINING: Describe your mediation training (specify the name(s) and location(s) of the training provider(s), the dates of the training(s), the number of hours of classroom training, experiential training, and specialized training):

Please see attached.

V. MEDIATION EXPERIENCE / STYLE:

Number of probate mediations conducted: 150+

Number of other mediations conducted: 5

Description of mediation experience and style:

Please see attached.

Additional ADR experience (e.g., experience as an arbitrator, settlement conference officer, neutral evaluator):

Please see attached.

VI. MEDIATOR FEE INFORMATION:

Hourly rate: \$ 400.00

Cancellation Policy:

Deposit Policy:

Additional Policies or Fees:

\$175.00 administrative fee per party.

VII. LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES OF MEDIATOR:

English



Timothy G. Riley, Esq.

Mr. Riley has more than 15 years of focused experience as a Certified Legal Specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law, with a practice limited to the areas of estate planning, trust and probate administration (including estate, gift and fiduciary income tax matters), and related litigation. Pulling from his specialized background, Mr. Riley is exceptional at resolving complex and highly emotional probate disputes.

Representative Cases:

- Extensive and specialized experience as a neutral in contested probate matters, including:
 - Trust and will contests
 - Disputes between beneficiaries and fiduciaries regarding trust/estate administration, including accountings and distributions
 - Issues regarding characterization and valuation of assets, and allocation of liabilities and expenses
 - Fiduciary and attorney fee disputes
 - Pre-death estate planning controversies
 - Estate/gift tax issues
 - Contested petitions to establish conservatorship or guardianship
 - Creditors' claims disputes
 - Various other petitions brought pursuant to Probate Code sections 850 and 17200

Professional Experience:

- Judge Pro Tem - San Diego Superior Court (Probate Division)
- Court-appointed referee, guardian ad litem and counsel in probate matters

- Successfully mediated dozens of highly emotional and complex probate matters
- Certified Legal Specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of California in estate planning, trust and probate law
- Mediation training from the National Conflict Resolution Center
- Frequent CEB and SDCBA speaker on various estate planning and probate topics
- Primarily facilitative approach to mediations, with evaluative analysis applied as appropriate
- Attorney, Hughes & Pizzuto, APC (2011-present);
Branton & Wilson, APC (1994-2010)

Special Honors And Memberships:

- Rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell and LexisNexis peer review
- Named San Diego "Super Lawyer" in estate planning (2009-2012)
- Past Co-Chair of SDCBA Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law section
- SDCBA, Section Committees on Local Probate Court Rules, including new rules governing Probate mediation Program, member since 1991
- State Bar of California (1986); State Bar of Wisconsin (1984)
- Certified Specialist, State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law (1994)
- Recipient, Wiley W. Manuel Award for pro bono legal services

Education:

- University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A., 1981; J.D., 1984)

Rates

\$400 per hour,
with a \$175 administrative fee per party

**To schedule a mediation please call Case Manager Kathy Purcell at
619-238-7282**