



JOAN B. KESSLER, JD, PHD

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With a law career spanning over 20 years and a Ph.D. in communications, Joan Kessler, Esq. is a uniquely qualified mediator and arbitrator whose training and education allow her to communicate effectively with attorneys and all parties involved in her matters. She has the legal experience and knowledge to understand even the most complex of legal issues, as well as a background in communication which helps her to develop a rapport with even the most challenging, combative and high profile personalities.

As a successful mediator, Ms. Kessler possesses a keen ability to bring parties together to reach resolution on even the most contentious of matters. A *Los Angeles Daily Journal* article stated "Once Joan gets her teeth into something, there's no shaking her off... she has boundless energy." Ms. Kessler brings an endless amount of energy to every mediation and arbitration she handles. A recent *Los Angeles Daily Journal* article stated, "She is absolutely driven to get parties to settlement... There is constant follow-up", "With her background as a lawyer and jury consultant, she is able to show people how a case could play out in front of a jury which gets them to become more realistic." Attorneys have great regard for Ms. Kessler's abilities, as stated in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, "She's just extremely bright and has a lot of litigation experience from a lawyer's perspective, so she knows the pressures that the attorneys are facing, as well as the clients", "She had a good assessment of the parties, of where they might or might not be willing to go, and she worked the parties to get them to a place where an agreement could be reached, which really required major effort on her part." Ms. Kessler, a mediator, arbitrator and discovery referee has handled diverse matters including: trust and estate cases, real estate, commercial litigation, business matters (including partnership disputes and shareholder disputes), employment, insurance as well as entertainment cases.

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