



Julie Cobalt, Esq.
Mediator

OVERVIEW:

Julie is an expert at mediating unconventional and unpredictable disputes, with over 25 years of experience resolving family, business and other relational conflicts. She is the mediator who lawyers and their clients rely on and trust to break the impasse and guide them to a satisfying result. Julie's mission as a mediator is to bring closure to seemingly unresolvable situations.

When a positive outcome seems impossible and others have given up, you can count on Julie to be persistent and committed to discerning and creating unique opportunities for resolution. Working as a civil litigator, mediator, mediation and conflict resolution trainer, educator, and transition consultant, Julie honed her analytic skills, which enable her to assist people through some of the most challenging moments in their lives.

Julie was a practicing mediator, attorney, conflict resolution trainer and law professor from 1998 until 2018 when she moved to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. While living in the Middle East, Julie worked as a conflict resolution consultant, helping clients navigate transitional periods in their lives such as divorce, parenting, loss and changes in family structure. Having lived, studied and traveled extensively throughout Europe and South America, Julie is able to consult and mediate in Spanish.

Julie helps clients transform their lives, situations and relationships by resolving their conflicts in ways that allow them to move forward with more clarity, insight and understanding. Her cultural sensitivity, optimism, compassion, openness, and creativity are unparalleled.

RATES:

HOA Cases

- \$1,000/3 hours + \$500 per hour for brief review + \$500 per hour thereafter.
- \$200 non-refundable administrative fee per party.

All Other Cases

- \$500 per hour
- Half-day, 5-hour minimum (1 hour of brief review, 4 hours of session time): \$2,500
- Full-day, 10-hour minimum (2 hours of brief review, 8 hours of session time): \$5,000
- Non-refundable administrative fee: \$400 per party

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

If you are in need of resolution, Julie is an exceptional mediator in the following areas:

- Relational disputes
- Multi-Party
- Landlord/tenant
- Contract
- Homeowners Association
- Family business
- Large groups

LEGAL CAREER & PRIOR EXPERIENCE:

- Private practice, Law Offices of Julie D. Cobalt, specializing in general civil litigation involving, but not limited to, consumer, personal injury, property damage, landlord/tenant, real estate, contract and business litigation. (1998-2014)
- Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Mediation and Advanced Mediation, Thomas Jefferson School of Law (2005-2014)
- Mediation and Conflict Resolution Trainer, National Conflict Resolution Center (2000-2014)
- Hearing Officer, San Diego Housing Commission and Housing Authority (1999-2003)

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- J.D., California Western School of Law (1998)
- M.A., German and International Policy Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, summa cum laude (1991)
- B.A., German, Hamline University, cum laude (1989)
- Member of the San Diego Superior Court Civil Mediation Panel (1999-present)
- Member of the State Bar of California (1998-present)

ADR EXPERIENCE & SPECIALTIES:

- Since 1998, Julie has mediated more than 1,000 cases—many involving numerous parties—in a wide variety of areas including personal injury, insurance, property damage, business/contract, community, employment, landlord/tenant, Homeowner Association, guardianship, and civil harassment.
- Mediates in Spanish and English

TESTIMONIALS:

“Working with Julie had an amazing impact on me. I cannot say enough positive things about Julie’s insights and abilities to help me see the other party and situation through a completely different lens. Without her help and guidance, I would never have been able to move on.

- *Umaima Tinwala*

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

In her spare time, Julie enjoys solo canoe trips, travel, learning new languages and competitive swimming.

To schedule a mediation, please contact Case Manager Smhale Leon at 619-238-7282 or sleon@westcoastresolution.