



# ADR STRATEGIES

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You are receiving this communication as a result of your interest in alternative dispute resolution.

### **Closing a Chapter and a New Beginning**

This month, we say goodbye to Kessler & Kessler, A Law Corporation after a great 22 year run. As I look back over my 22 years at Kessler & Kessler, I am reminded of various memorable events.

- 10 years as a Superlawyer and AV rated by Martindale Hubbell.
- Named one of the Daily Journal's Top 75 Women Litigators in California.
- 10 years as Editor of the CAALA Advocate ADR issue.

Snapshots of just a few of my litigation and ADR matters come to mind:

- As a litigator, protected a widow and her small children against 3 insurance companies and secured \$16.5 million jury verdict.
- As a litigator, I protected another widow and her grown children against her deceased husband's business partner and secured an \$11 million arbitration award.
- Assisted a dear friend in securing her personal injury 7 figure settlement in an action against a member of high profile family.
- Litigated various other exciting defense matters including many for long term clients, including for one client in the food/produce industry who considered me as a family member and often said that "Joan would give her life for our company."
- Arbitrated as an advocate in a 3 year, very high profile and high stakes real estate dispute.
- Trial of high profile tax court dispute.
- As a mediator, mediated high dollar class action and individual plaintiff State and Federal cases to resolution.
- As a mediator, mediated various sensitive and high profile pre-litigation employment cases to resolution.
- As an arbitrator, handled extensive and sensitive employment, real estate, and business cases and brought them to rapid conclusions.

During my Kessler & Kessler tenure, I was also, involved in many philanthropic projects:

- 20 years on St Vincent's Foundation Board/Meals on Wheels

- Over 20 years providing Joan B. Kessler Awards through the University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School perpetual grant
- Trustee of University of Michigan Hillel
- Member Board of Governors City of Hope
- Member Board of Governors Loyola Law School

I look forward to continuing to devote myself full time to my mediation and arbitration ADR practice and continuing in my lifetime project of mentoring young people coming up in the legal profession.

Many years ago I received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Communications. Before I went to law school I taught interpersonal relations, group interaction, conflict resolution, intercultural communication courses and served as a jury consultant. I apply the communication issues and solutions I taught, coupled with my 30 years of legal practice experience to my alternative dispute resolution practice. I am, also, pleased to serve on the Board of Governors of Loyola Law School and to be Managing Director of CaseXplorer®Arbitration™ (CXA), the innovative online arbitration evaluative tool. Feel free to call me to discuss CXA. To find out more information on CXA, click on the following link: CaseXplorer Arbitration.

#### **THINK ABOUT THIS PRIOR TO YOUR NEXT MEDIATION/ARBITRATION**

Please contact me to discuss your next mediation. You may call me on my direct line: (310) 500-3525 or (310) 552-9800 or e-mail me on my personal e-mail: [jkessler@joanbkessler.com](mailto:jkessler@joanbkessler.com)

To schedule a mediation with me, please call my Case Manager Samuel O'Braitis at (310) 500-3460 or (310) 552-9800, or email him at [samuel@joanbkessler.com](mailto:samuel@joanbkessler.com), and **WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN**. I am, also, available on the USDC Mediation Panel and as an Arbitrator or Mediator through the American Arbitration Association Arbitration and Mediation Panels. **PLEASE NOTE MY NEW STREET ADDRESS AND SUITE NUMBER 1100 Glendon Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, California 90024.**

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