



Kenneth D. Gack, Esq. has provided ADR services in over 2,500 matters in the last 12 years, serving as a JAMS panelist since 1996. Ken demonstrates the preparation, persistence and candor to help parties find realistic resolutions to their disputes.

2004 Recipient of the Distinguished Mediator of the Year Award from the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association

"Persistence, focus and attention are essential qualities for effective dispute resolution. I will provide them consistently."

Representative Matters

- Failure to diagnose and treat strep B infection in a homeless man, with resultant multiple amputations
- Claims of female citizens against a public entity, Sheriff's Department and patrol officer for unlawful strip searches
- Breach of contract, consequential and delay damages by general residential contractor against subcontractor for alleged failure to meet critical path deadlines
- Failure to diagnose and provide emergency response to hypoxic event of drug rehabilitation patient with resultant irreversible brain injury
- Action for failure to accommodate disability in violation of FEHA by employee against public entity
- Burn injuries of high school welding class student allegedly arising from failure of teacher to enforce safety standards
- Construction defect claims arising from water intrusion in 32 single family dwellings, with alleged failures of stucco, flashing and window systems
- Product liability action against manufacturer and café operator for alleged electrocution from lack of proper grounding and GFI circuit
- Indemnity/contribution action by skilled care facility against nursing registry for alleged failure to provide competent staffing, seeking recovery of settlement funds paid in wrongful death action
- Trial judge for action to interpret and apply common area maintenance and improvement obligations among appurtenant commercial property owners
- Bad faith action by homeowners policy insured for alleged delay in investigation, evaluation and appraisal, with resultant damages of mold and aggravated remediation costs

Honors, Memberships, and Professional Activities

- Northern California Super Lawyer, *San Francisco Magazine*, 2006
- 2004 Recipient of the Distinguished *Mediator of the Year Award* from the San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association
- Frequently requested lecturer on ADR and civil litigation

Background and Education

- JAMS, 1996-present
- Private practice emphasizing alternative dispute resolution services, 1994-1996
- Founding and managing partner, James, Gack, Bernheim and Hicks, Santa Rosa, 1982-1994
- Settlement conference panelist and judge pro tem, Sonoma County Superior Court, 1983-present
- ADR training includes the Advanced Mediation Training Program at the Pepperdine University Institute for Dispute Resolution, the National Association of Securities Dealers and California State Bar ADR Roundtables
- J.D., Pepperdine University, 1976
- B.A., Anthropology, Cal. State University, Dominguez Hills, 1973

References Available Upon Request