

KRISTINE KUZEMKA

MEDIATOR
SETTLEMENT JUDGE



After nearly two decades as an accomplished litigator, Kristine Kuzemka, Esq. transitioned to full-time alternative dispute resolution in 2016. For almost ten years, she has dedicated her practice exclusively to serving as a mediator, arbitrator, and discovery referee for complex disputes. Her passion for dispute resolution stems from her realization that she can make a greater impact on people's lives by employing her negotiation skills as a neutral.

Kristine's distinguished legal career is marked by exceptional results. As a litigator specializing in personal injury and product liability cases, she successfully settled over \$70 million in complex civil litigation matters. Her extensive trial experience, having taken numerous jury trials to verdict, established her as a highly regarded legal representative with a reputation for strong legal acumen and strategic thinking. Her comprehensive legal background spans personal injury and product liability, business and real estate matters while at Marquis Aurbach & Coffing, and government litigation at the Nevada Attorney General's Office, where she applied her exemplary evidentiary and discovery knowledge to favorably settle substantial cases for the State of Nevada.

Prior to law school, Kristine managed a successful staffing and recruiting business in Seattle, Washington, overseeing a \$10 million operating budget and a staff of 15 employees. This experience provided her with keen insights into exceptional client service, team motivation, and effective problem-solving—skills that have proven instrumental in her mediation practice and make her uniquely qualified to handle diverse cases across business, employment, real estate, and personal injury matters.

Kristine approaches every mediation with dedication, preparation, and tenacity. Clients consistently praise her professionalism, impartiality, and thorough case knowledge. As one attorney recently commented: "Ms. Kuzemka went the extra mile for us. She knew the facts and the law, but more importantly she was able to delicately handle the highly charged emotional aspects of the case. I wouldn't hesitate to use her again." Her ability to understand both sides of a dispute, combined with her business acumen and decades of legal experience, makes her exceptionally effective at facilitating resolutions.

Kristine has established particular expertise as the "Motorcycle Mediator," bringing nearly 50 years of riding experience to motorcycle-related disputes. This specialized knowledge allows her to ask critical questions and identify key issues that other mediators might overlook, making her highly sought after and respected by both plaintiffs and defense counsel in these complex cases.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mediator, Kuzemka ADR
- Settlement Judge, Nevada Supreme Court
- Mediator, Arbitrator & Discovery Referee, Advanced Resolution Management (ARM)
- Managing Partner, Kuzemka Law Group
- Senior Deputy Attorney General, State of Nevada
- Attorney, Clark County Public Defender's Office
- Attorney, Marquis and Aurbach
- Clerk to the Honorable David T. Wall (Ret.) Eighth Judicial District Court

SPECIALTIES

- Auto Accidents
- Business/Commercial
- Contract Disputes
- Discovery Referee
- Employment
- Insurance
- Lemon Law
- Motorcycle Cases
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability
- Real Estate
- Wrongful Death

ADR TRAINING

- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution – Pepperdine School of Law

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- State of Nevada
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law (2002)
- B.A., University of Washington (1996)

MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, State Bar of Nevada
- Member, American Bar Association

HONORS & AWARDS

- Nevada Lawyer's Assistance Program Chair, State Bar of Nevada
- Juris Doctorate – Cum Laude, Seattle University School of Law
- Article Editor, Seattle Journal of Social Justice

LECTURES, TEACHING AND PUBLICATIONS

- Nevada State Bar – Ethics CLE (2015)
- Nevada State Bar Conference – Addiction and the Legal Profession (2014 & 2015)
- Nevada Lawyer Magazine – CLE Article “Addiction: What to Do?” (December, 2013)