

“ As a trial court judge in Santa Barbara for more than 32 years, I have resolved tens of thousands of cases, including civil and criminal cases involving negligence, contract, employment, family, personal injury, and other types of legal issues.

I believe that any case can be settled, with application of the appropriate settlement process and experienced professional focus. ”



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Honorable Frank J. Ochoa has more than 32 years experience as a trial court judge in Santa Barbara County. He has successfully resolved tens of thousands of civil and criminal cases by managing negotiated settlement efforts.

MEDIATION

- Designed and implemented Santa Barbara Superior Court's CADRe (Court Administered Appropriate Dispute Resolution) program
- Southern California Mediation Association's 'Judge of the Year Award'
- Certificate: Pepperdine Univ. School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution
- Certificate: American Institute of Mediation, Mediating Commercial & Litigated Cases
- Speaker—ADR Conferences and Courses
 - ◆ Integrating ADR Processes with Case Management Systems: California Conference on Court-Connected ADR Programs for Civil Cases
 - ◆ University of California at Santa Barbara
 - ◆ Kern County Superior Court

ARBITRATION

BOTH BINDING AND NON-BINDING

- Experience in civil, criminal, family, probate, employment, contract, personal injury, property and other types of cases

SPECIAL MASTER

- Customized settlement processes for a wide spectrum of case types
- Experience in long term investigations with successful reports and resolutions

NEUTRAL CASE EVALUATION

- Evaluated liability and damages or other appropriate resolutions in tens of thousands of cases

DISCOVERY MANAGEMENT

- As a Federal and State Court Litigator, and judge, managed discovery in innumerable complex litigation matters

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION

- Unparalleled experience in judicial case management and processing

POLITICAL CONSULTATION

- Spearheaded own election effort and won countywide election to the Santa Barbara County Superior Court (1996) from a field of 6 highly-qualified candidates

- Consulted on a wide variety of judicial and law related successful election efforts

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

- Leadership experience as Presiding Judge of the Superior and Municipal Courts
- Experience in Management and Administration of the California Court System at the local and state levels
- Member and Manager of State Judicial Committees and Task Forces
- Experience testifying before committees of the California State Legislature on statewide legislative proposals

TRAINING

- 'Elimination of Bias and Avoiding Discrimination Claims' – Have taught 90 minute course to attorneys and employment managers on multiple occasions

