



Jeanne Behling, Esq.



AREAS OF PRACTICE

Attorney Fee Disputes | Civil Rights | Employment law | General Civil | Government/School District Liability | Personal Injury | Police | Premises Liability | Product Liability | Sexual Harassment | Subrogation | Uninsured/Underinsured Claims | Wage & Hour | Wrongful Death

Jeanne Behling is a full-time mediator and an Adjunct Professor of Law teaching Mediation at Chapman University's Fowler School of Law in Orange. She is an attorney who practiced for over twenty-five years representing both plaintiffs and defendants. She specializes in personal injury, product liability and sexual abuse/harassment. She also has extensive experience with subrogation issues and the representation of peace officers and government claims.

Jeanne began her career in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office in 1988. Eight months after joining the office she had her first felony trial and at the time of her departure she was assigned as the sole prosecutor on a death penalty multiple defendant matter. In less than five years she tried over sixty criminal cases.

Jeanne moved to Orange County to join the civil firm of Alevizon Smith Susson & Palafox practicing both plaintiff and defense, including construction defect, premises liability, personal injury and catastrophic injury matters. She followed her husband to Singapore, where they lived for almost five years. She taught business law and political science at The Overseas Family College, which is affiliated with the California State System. Her two children were both born in Singapore.

Jeanne returned to California and joined Smith & Marquart practicing both plaintiff and defense but focusing on the representation of peace officers, personal injury and product liability. The firm dissolved, and she then became a partner in Smith & Behling and expanded her practice to include employment matters, sexual abuse and harassment cases.

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As counsel Jeanne has participated in mediation throughout her career. She has been a student of mediation theory for twenty years and actively began to practice as a mediator in 2012. She has traveled extensively and lived in Australia, England and Singapore and attributes her ability to connect with participants in the mediation process to her genuine interest in people and her respect and knowledge of numerous cultures.

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University	Irvine, CA
Straus Institute: Mediating the Litigated Case, January-February 2013	
Hastings College of the Law	San Francisco, CA
Juris Doctorate, June 1988	
University of California, Riverside	Riverside, CA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1985	
Studied Abroad: Australian National University, Canberra, Australia	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Smith & Behling, Partner	March 2006-August 2016
Smith & Marquart, Associate	June 2000-February 2006
Overseas Family School, Singapore, Lecturer	April 1998-May 2000
Alevizon Smith Susson & Palafox, Associate	October 1993-April 1996
Los Angeles County District Attorney, Deputy DA	December 1988-September 1993

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

President Elect Assistance League of Tustin
Foothill High School Education Fund, Past Board Member
OCTLA, past member
OCBA, member
Orange County Superior Court Mediation Panel

PERSONAL

Jeanne is married with two children. She has completed four marathons and enjoys working out regularly. She loves to travel and loves to try new restaurants, which is fortunate for her family because she is the world's worst cook!

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