

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services



A former U.S. District Judge, Stephen G. Larson provides sophisticated counsel and parties with highly experienced, dedicated, and customized dispute resolution services in mediation, arbitration, and private trial settings.

As U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, Stephen adjudicated over a thousand cases. These included some of the most notable actions to be tried in the Central District, such as:

- *United States v. Nazario*, a landmark Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act case involving U.S. Marines accused of manslaughter during the Battle of Fallujah;
- *John Doe v. County of San Bernardino*, which resulted in systematic reform of educational and therapeutic services for disabled youths within the county juvenile hall system; and
- *Siegel v. Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.*, which determined the ownership of the copyrights to the iconic comic strip Superman.

In nearly 10 years as a judge, Stephen conducted over 400 settlement conferences, and developed a reputation amongst his colleagues and counsel for creativity in resolving the most difficult cases.

As just one example of his skill in this area, the framework Stephen established in *United States v. Duro* involving coordinating efforts between federal, state, Native American, and private authorities and entities, lead to the ultimate resolution of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' decade-long effort to close down and expel a major migrant worker camp on the Torres Martinez Indian Reservation.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Arbitrator
- Moot trial court
- Private judge
- Appellate court
- Mediator
- Pretrial advice
- Special master
- Hearing advice

Since leaving the bench, Stephen has been called upon to mediate several major commercial disputes and has chaired international arbitration tribunals in bet-the-company disputes. He is on the panel of neutrals for FedArb and the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and is also a member of National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM).

Stephen has arbitrated several complex cases, including chairing an AAA panel in Detroit, Michigan handling a \$100 million claim in the energy sector; appointed as party arbiter by one of the largest litigation firms in the country on a multimillion-dollar fee dispute; and appointed as party arbiter on an International Centre for Dispute Resolution arbitration between two major European energy sector corporations.