



## **GIDEON KRACOV, ESQ.**

**Mediator**



Gideon Kracov, Esq. is a distinguished mediator with thirty years of experience in real estate matters, coupled with significant experience at the highest levels of California government. Using mediation and facilitation skills, Mr. Kracov can break through impasse and settle disputes before litigation, and after lawsuits are filed. The Lawyers' Daily Journal describes him as a "highly collaborative" and "pragmatic" mediator with a "committed approach to preparation." He has "credibility with all parties, perhaps the highest currency." Mr. Kracov offers both in-person and virtual mediation as an alternative to protracted litigation, working diligently – from pre-mediation calls to post-mediation follow-up – towards resolving the dispute.

### **REAL ESTATE AREAS OF EXPERTISE:**

- Homeowner's Disputes
- Breach of Contract
- Easements, Encroachment and Trees
- Landlord/Tenant
- Environmental Disputes
- Real Estate Development and Sales
- Zoning and Land Use
- Condemnation

### **BIOGRAPHY AND EXPERIENCE**

*Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley, J.D. and Environmental Law Certificate, 1995*

*University of California, Berkeley, B.A. with high honors, 1992*

With a diverse background representing plaintiffs, defendants, and governmental entities, Mr. Kracov is uniquely positioned to mediate complex civil disputes. His experience includes serving as a Deputy Los Angeles City Attorney in the Real Property Division, where he counseled the Departments of Planning and Sanitation on real estate and public works projects and successfully defended the City in high-stakes trials. Mr. Kracov is a Thomson Reuters California Super Lawyer, limited to the top 5 percent of lawyers. He serves on the adjunct faculty at Loyola Law School where he teaches land use law to future legal professionals. Mr. Kracov proudly coached the Loyola Law School team to first place in the 20th Annual California Lawyers Association Environmental Law Student Negotiation Competition. He serves as the Governor's appointee to the California Air Resources Board, the state's lead air pollution and climate change regulatory agency. He also serves as the Governor's appointee to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board. Previously, he chaired the three-member Department of Toxic Substances Independent Review Panel, overseeing the agency responsible for the cleanup of contaminated properties throughout California. He is the former Chair of the California Lawyers' Association Environmental Law Section Executive Committee where he led educational and program activities for over 2,500 section members.