

Andra Greene

Mediator / Arbitrator / Independent Panelist

Andra Greene is a member of Phillips ADR's distinguished panel of neutrals. She has mediated or co-mediated disputes ranging from seven to 11 figures in a wide range of substantive areas, including mass torts, class actions, securities, allegations of sexual misconduct, insurance coverage and intellectual property.

Before joining Phillips ADR, Andra spent over 35 years at Irell & Manella LLP, where she headed Irell's Class Action Defense practice group and served two terms as managing partner of the firm's Newport Beach office. She was a member of the firm's Executive Committee for a dozen years.

A seasoned trial lawyer, Andra's practice encompassed a wide range of complex business litigation matters, with an emphasis on class action defense and professional liability defense. Her extensive trial and appellate experience in state and federal courts also extends to commercial, wage and hour, employment, business torts, insurance coverage, real estate, lender liability, executive compensation, environmental issues, securities litigation, white collar criminal claims and all types of intellectual property litigation. Andra frequently represented other lawyers and law firms when they needed counsel.

Andra's victories on behalf of her clients have led to such accolades as being named one of the "Top Women Lawyers in California" by the Daily Journal five times. In 2018, the Orange County Women Lawyers Association named her Attorney of the Year. She was also recognized as the "2018 Orange County Bet-the-Company 'Lawyer of the Year'" by Best Lawyers in America. In 2017, Andra was honored with the Marcus Kaufman Jurisprudence Award from the Orange County/Long Beach region of the Anti-Defamation League. In 2016, Andra was named among the "Top 50 Women Lawyers" in the nation by the National Diversity Council.

Andra has spoken or presented at numerous CLE programs on trial practice, class action litigation, mediation and settlement, professional liability and gender issues in the practice of law. Andra also periodically teaches an advanced seminar on successfully litigating class actions in federal court at UC Irvine School of Law. She has published numerous articles on trial practice, class actions, professional responsibility and gender and the legal profession. She co-edited the book *The Woman Advocate*, published by the American Bar Association.

Throughout her career, Andra has volunteered substantial pro bono time, particularly on behalf of the homeless. In 2010, the ACLU Foundation of Southern California awarded Andra and her team the 2010 Social Justice Award for their outstanding pro bono work securing a major victory on behalf of the local homeless community. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Public Law Center.



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Andra has held leadership positions in numerous professional organizations. For example, she is a past president of the Federal Bar Association, Orange County Chapter, a former Co-Chair of the Central District of California Lawyer Representatives, and a past member of the Council of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association.

Andra graduated magna cum laude from Brown University with a degree in Economics. Andra received her law degree from Harvard Law School. Following her graduation, Andra clerked for the Honorable Catherine B. Kelly, District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Andra then spent four years at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C. before heading west to join Irell & Manella.

An avid fitness enthusiast, Andra is a registered yoga instructor. She especially enjoys teaching yoga classes to members of the legal profession. Andra is a lover of the arts and serves on the Board of Directors of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Andra and her husband have four grown children, one granddaughter, and two Siberian Huskies.