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BIOGRAPHY

Meryl Macklin is a trial lawyer and mediator with over 35 years of experience trying and resolving complex business disputes. For the last 20 years, Meryl's practice has been largely focused on M&A and corporate governance disputes, including indemnity claims, breaches of representations and warranties, pre-closing disputes, rep and warranty insurance disputes, and earnouts. Meryl works closely with deal lawyers to resolve these disputes and to consult on relevant language in underlying agreements. She co-leads BCLP's M&A Disputes practice team and is a frequent speaker on M&A disputes.

Meryl's trial experience has enabled her to develop targeted litigation strategies even when handling cases likely to settle, avoiding unnecessary and costly motion and discovery practice where possible. She brings her keen understanding and awareness of parties' and lawyers' motivations and litigation dynamics to her mediation practice, bringing an open mind and her considerable

experience to her efforts to help parties navigate the resolution of their disputes. Clients, in turn, reach out to Meryl to tap into her pragmatic ability to resolve disputes in a timely manner because they know she will get the job done.

Meryl is a member of the Northern District of California Mediation Panel and serves as a mediator for a wide range of commercial disputes. She attended mediation training at the Harvard Negotiation Project and at the Northern District of California.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Legal 500 US, M&A Litigation: Defense, 2024
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America, 2015–present
- Chair, LCA Complex Commercial Litigation Institute, 2022—present
- Member, Board of Directors, San Francisco Center for the Book, 2015 - present; Chair since 2018
- Los Angeles and San Francisco *Daily Journal* "Top Women Lawyers", 2012
- Los Angeles and San Francisco *Daily Journal* "Top Women Litigators," 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Northern District of California Mediation Panel, Member

ADMISSIONS

- California
- Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

University of California-Berkeley, J.D.

Yale University, B.A., *magna cum laude*

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Disputes
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- M&A Disputes

EXPERIENCE

Some of Meryl's selected representations include:

- Lead attorney representing Clearwave Communications and other defendants against shareholder in a 3-week jury trial. (Santa Clara County).
- Lead attorney representing Union Pacific in successful 6-week jury trial against Kinder Morgan and a two-week follow-on bench trial (Riverside County Superior Court).
- Lead attorney representing Oracle Corporation in successful 10-week jury trial (San Francisco Superior Court).
- Lead attorney representing Glendale Adventist Medical Center in dispute over medical office building; obtained summary judgment on all counts (Los Angeles Superior Court).
- Lead attorney representing franchisor of auto repair services in successful trial against franchisee (Central District of California).
- Obtained preliminary injunction and success at trial for German company in litigation against its former distributor in the United States for theft of trade secrets (Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California).

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