



Biography of Lee Jay Berman

Lee Jay Berman began as a full-time mediator over 20 years ago, and has successfully mediated over 1,900 matters. He is a national panelist with the American Arbitration Association, a Distinguished Fellow with the International Academy of Mediators, a Charter Diplomat with the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, certified by the International Mediation Institute, and a Dispute Resolution Expert with the United Nations Development Programme. He was Mediator of the Year for the US Bankruptcy Court in California, California's Daily Journal twice named him "Top Neutral", Acquisition International Magazine awarded him "Mediator of the Year – California" in 2012-2014, and he has been voted by his colleagues into the Who's Who of International Commercial Mediation in 2012-2014.

He added an executive coaching practice in 2005, and today carries a successful roster of 20-25 executives that he is coaching at any time. His coaching work has spanned from the highest levels of the world's largest professional service firms (strategic consulting firms, accounting and law firms), to c-suite executives in fortune 500 businesses.

A respected trainer, he founded the American Institute of Mediation, leaving his position as Director of Pepperdine Law School's Mediating the Litigated Case program after seven years. In addition to lecturing and training at Pepperdine University, he has also done so at Southwestern Law School, University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, Cal-State Northridge, UC Santa Barbara, and Bond University in Brisbane, Australia. Lee Jay has trained judges, attorneys and business leaders in India, Australia, Europe and the Middle East.

As an author, he has published numerous articles on topics including mediation, negotiation, ethics, and leadership. Along with his blog Eye On Conflict, the ABA will be publishing two of his books in 2015.