

**Lester J. Levy, Esq.**

*“He settles the ‘unsettleable’ cases.”*

## **BANKRUPTCY DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ADJUDICATION EXPERIENCE**

Lester Levy is the Managing Director of JAMS bankruptcy practice. He has mediated hundreds of bankruptcy matters and is Chair of the ADR Committee for the American Bankruptcy Institute. Mr. Levy was appointed to the Panel of Mediators for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Mr. Levy has settled, adjudicated and managed thousands of complex cases in a broad array of subject matter areas. He travels nationwide and internationally to assist parties with their most difficult cases.

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES SUCCESSFULLY MEDIATED:**

- **Beloit Liquidating Trust**—Mediated several hundred claims and preferences in a \$6 billion bankruptcy. The mediations were conducted in various locations pursuant to a comprehensive ADR order of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- **In re Northwestern Steel and Wire** – Mediated multiple matters involving a bankrupt steel manufacturer. The mediations were conducted pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Illinois, Rockford Division.
- **Systems Software Associates, Inc.** – Mediated several cases arising out of the bankruptcy of a high technology company. The mediations were conducted pursuant to the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Illinois.
- **Fuller Austin** – Mediation between insurance carriers for bankrupt asbestos installer and tens of thousands of current and future asbestos-injury claimants. The cases were venued in the Bankruptcy Court in Denver and the Los Angeles Superior Court. The settlements combined exceeded \$200,000,000.
- **Stefanyshyn v. Consolidated Industries Corp.** – National Class Action alleging defective products liability claims against Trustee in Bankruptcy.
- **In re Fountain View, Inc.** - Supervised systematic mediation of multiple elder abuse cases against bankrupt nursing home. Pursuant to an order of Bankruptcy Court in the Central District of Los Angeles, the cases were mediated prior to any consideration of lifting the automatic stay.

## **EXPERIENCE, SPECIAL HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of San Francisco Law School
- Vice-Chair and Member, Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, 2004
- Member and Chair, ADR Committee, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, Panel of Mediators and Arbitrators, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware
- Member, International Bar Association
- Member, ADR Panels for the Northern California Federal District Court, and the Superior Courts of San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma and San Mateo Counties
- President, Board of Trustees, Ross Valley School District, Marin County, California
- Trained in mediation/ negotiation at Harvard Law School (Roger Fisher, author of *Getting to Yes*)
- Speaker, International Bar Association in Durban, South Africa, 2002, *Innovative Use of ADR in Class Action and Mass Torts*
- Written and lectured on ADR to Bar Associations including the ABA, IBA, law firms, private companies and law schools throughout the United States

## **BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION**

- Private Practice, Munger, Tolles & Olson, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California, 1986-1994
- Law Clerk, Hon. Irving R. Kaufman, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1985-1986
- J.D., magna cum laude, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 1985; Chief Articles Editor, Cardozo Law Review
- B.Mus., San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 1981, Classical Guitar Performance and Composition