

LAND USE MEDIATORS

Bean, Jeff

Jeff's practice is dedicated to providing people with collaborative alternatives to dispute resolution and decision-making. Whether facilitating difficult conversations or mediating disputes among businesses, organizations or stakeholder groups, his approach is client-centered, agreement-oriented and solution-focused.

Before turning to mediation full-time, Jeff's litigation practice ran the gamut from administrative hearings, jury trials and multi-district national class-action litigation, to appeals before the Washington State Supreme Court. He represented individuals, businesses and governments with claims ranging from antitrust to contract to negligence to securities. Notable cases include *In re Cigarette Antitrust Litigation*, representing a national class of wholesalers with horizontal price-fixing claims, and what in their time were the two largest settlements in Washington State history: *State of Washington v. American Tobacco Co., et al.* and *State Investment Board v. The New England, et al.*

Jeff presents and writes to increase awareness of collaborative approaches to decision-making and conflict. He works within the legal community to build the capacity of the legal profession to provide representation to clients in agreement-oriented dispute resolution processes. He was President of King County Collaborative Law (2010-11) and Chair of the Washington State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (2010-11).

Derr, Jay

Jay is the managing partner of the Seattle office of Van Ness Feldman LLP and for the past 30+ years has been involved in major development project acquisition and permitting – for both public and private sector clients throughout the State and across the country. He lectures frequently on land use and environmental issues. Jay completed the University of Washington School of Law *Professional Mediation Skills Training Program*, has participated in a variety of land use mediations on behalf of clients, and has served as mediator in several land use, real estate, and environmental matters.

DuComb, Darby

Darby's practice focuses on real property, land use and environmental law, providing end-to-end legal services for all aspects of real estate development. Darby is a hardworking, analytical lawyer that finds solutions to complex problems. She is an accomplished litigator, mediator, and transactional lawyer, with over 17 years of experience at the City of Seattle, including 13 years in the Seattle City Attorney's Office and former Department of Planning and Development. Best known for her high achieving drive to get things done and amicable creative style, Darby resolves complex and difficult cases and projects in dynamic and political environments. Darby is a member of the Urban Land Institute, NAIOP Washington, and WSBA Environmental and Land Use Law and Corporate Counsel Sections. She is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law *Professional Mediation Skills Training Program* (2009) and University of

Oregon School of Law (1994), including associate editor of the Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation. Darby can be reached at 206.268.3391 and dnd@soslaw.com.

Kaylor, Courtney

Courtney Kaylor is a partner with the law firm McCullough Hill Leary P.S. in Seattle, Washington. Her practice focuses on land use and environmental law and on alternative dispute resolution. Courtney is trained as a mediator through the University of Washington Professional Mediation Skills Training Program and the King County Inter-Local Conflict Resolution Group Practicum. She is Chair of the Land Use and Environmental Mediation Committee of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA). She is President Elect of the WSBA Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section. She is a Past President of the Washington Mediation Association. Courtney has written numerous articles and is a frequent speaker on land use law and mediation. Courtney can be reached at 206-812-3388 or courtney@mhseattle.com.

Moss, Alison

Alison is a member of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, where her practice focuses on land use and alternative dispute resolution. She has more than thirty years of experience in land use and environmental law. She received her training as a mediator through the University of Washington Professional Mediation Skills Training Program and the Kitsap County Dispute Resolution Center Practicum. She is a certified mediator and a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Environmental and Land Use Law Sections of the Washington State Bar Association. She has twice been an associate editor of the Washington Bar Association Real Property Deskbook and has been named many times a "Super Lawyer."

Newman, Claudia

Claudia M. Newman, Esq., is a partner at Bricklin & Newman, LLP, in Seattle. She has practiced land use and environmental law in Washington State since 1994 and she lectures frequently on the topics of land use and environmental law to her fellow attorneys and other land use practitioners. She was trained as a mediator through the Dispute Resolution Center of King County and the King County DRC Mediation Practicum Program. She is also a member of the Land Use and Environmental Mediation Committee of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Environmental and Land Use Law (ELUL) Sections.

Saunders, Stacey

Stacey Saunders has practiced law in the Seattle/Puget Sound area since 2001, focusing primarily on small business development, corporate organization, entity management, and employment. Her background as a professional focus group moderator and small business owner allow her to bring an entrepreneurial and cost-conscious approach to all of her legal work. Stacey is also a certified mediator and facilitator for the Washington Mediation Association and Kitsap County Dispute Resolution Center. She has successfully negotiated complex multi-party conflicts involving employment, land use, foreclosure, landlord-tenant issues, contract disputes, and dissolution. Stacey is highly skilled at bringing parties together to achieve mutually-agreeable solutions, often without

resorting to a more adversarial approach. Her marketing and legal experience across a broad range of industries allow her to understand the unique needs of her clients and to quickly grasp key issues related to diverse business practices. In addition to regularly serving as a volunteer mediator in Kitsap County Small Claims Court, Stacey serves on the Kitsap DRC's Board of Directors and the WSBA's Land Use and Environmental Mediation Standing Committee. She was awarded a *pro bono publico* service commendation for her work and is strongly committed to furthering alternative dispute resolution efforts and best practices in Washington.

Spohr, David

David Spohr is the King County Hearing Examiner, presiding over a variety of land use (and other) appeals and applications. Prior to that he was the County's land use ombudsman, employing both facilitative and investigatory methods to help individuals resolve disputes with county agencies. He served in a similar capacity as Utah's deputy property rights ombudsman. Before that, he litigated and resolved cases as a trial attorney for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. A court-appointed mediator since 1993, he currently mediates for the Federal Executive Board. A former district court and Ninth Circuit clerk and a past chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee of the Federal Circuit Bar Association, he currently serves on the state bar's Land Use and Environmental Mediation Committee.