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CLASS ACTION MEDIATOR
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Class action mediator Donald R. Frederico brings decades of class action experience to the mediation table. He has served as lead defense counsel nationally in a wide variety of class actions, representing clients in court as well as in mediations, and negotiating and drafting class action settlement agreements for payouts ranging from hundreds of thousands to tens of millions of dollars. Don understands the drivers of class action settlements and can help both sides of a case achieve their settlement goals. He is also a trained mediator who has served with distinction as a third-party neutral.

As experienced lawyers know, most class actions settle, and many class action settlements are achieved through mediation. Although a class action costs much less to mediate than to litigate, a failed mediation can be costly because of the additional, potentially avoidable litigation expense the parties incur before the case concludes. It is not unusual for a class action lawsuit to go through multiple mediations before it settles, but getting to resolution sooner than later can benefit all concerned.

Some class action mediations fail because the parties select mediators who have little or no experience with the unique complexities of class litigation, class settlements, and the court approval process. Selecting a mediator with extensive class action experience can mean the difference between settling before or after spending thousands or millions of additional dollars on litigation costs.

Don also knows that mediation is far more likely to succeed if both sides know that they have been heard and treated fairly. Through his decades of service to his clients, the courts, the legal community, and nonprofit organizations, Don has achieved a reputation for fairness and professionalism among both plaintiff and defense attorneys. That reputation stems not only from his keen sense of ethics and professionalism in cases he litigates, but also from his advocacy in support of funding for the courts and for legal services organizations, his leadership roles in the Boston Bar Association and the Boston Bar Foundation, his significant pro bono work, and his appointments as Special Discovery Master in complex litigation.

Don's deep knowledge of class action litigation and settlements, coupled with his abiding passion for fairness, enables him to provide high-quality mediation services to class action plaintiffs and defendants. Please consider Don for your next class action mediation.

For more information, see Don's posts on his [Class Action Settlements and Mediation blog](#).

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