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**PROFESSIONAL MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

Ms. Madigan has been a full-time professional mediator for over 25 years. She began mediating large multi-party public policy disputes in the early 1980's as **Associate Director** of the **Harvard-MIT Public Disputes Program**, part of the Harvard Program on Negotiation. After practicing law at **Arnold & Porter** in Washington, DC, she began mediating through private providers, including pioneering ADR firm, **ENDISPUTE** (Washington, DC), **JAMS** (Los Angeles & Washington, DC) and **ADR Services** (Los Angeles).

Ms. Madigan opened her independent practice, **MadiganADR**, in 2014. Her firm has since been named a **Best Law Firm® in Mediation** every year since 2016.

With over 25 years of full-time mediation experience, Ms. Madigan has mediated a broad array of cases across numerous subject areas. These have included:

- Commercial Contracts
- Intellectual Property (Copyright, Trademark, Trade Secrets, Rights of Publicity)
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Privacy Torts
- Insurance Coverage
- Computers, Science & Technology
- Railroad Derailments, FELA and other claims
- Public Entity & Public Policy
- Securities & Finance

Settlements in these cases have ranged from five figures to \$200 million, the largest involving the creation of the plaintiffs' \$200 million settlement fund for victims of the Chatsworth Metrolink train derailment in California. For more detail about representative cases, please visit her website at [www.madiganadr.com](http://www.madiganadr.com).

Although based in Los Angeles, she mediates throughout the United States. A travel surcharge applies to cases requiring more than three hours of travel.

Ms. Madigan will take on a limited number of reduced or *pro bono* cases, but only in situations in which counsel are not being paid and/or a significant public policy issue is involved. Past work has included facilitating dialogue around acceptable community uses of a public park outside of Los Angeles.

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## **AWARDS**

*Top 50 Women SuperLawyers® in Southern California*

*Best Law Firms® (Mediation) (for MadiganADR)*

*Who's Who Legal® [International], World's Top Commercial Mediators*

*Best Lawyers in America® ' "Mediation Lawyer of the Year, Los Angeles"*

*Southern California SuperLawyers®*

*Best Lawyers in America®*

*The Daily Journal's Top Neutrals in California*

*Irish Voice Newspaper's "Irish Legal 100"*

*The Hollywood Reporter's "Power Mediator"*

## **TEACHING & TRAINING**

Ms. Madigan has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine Law School since 1996. During that time she has taught mediation to over a thousand judges, lawyers and other professionals across -- and from -- North America, South America, Europe, China, Southeast Asia, Africa, India and the Middle East.

Ms. Madigan is also the co-creator of and co-lead faculty for the Women's Negotiation Academy at the Straus Institute, a two-day workshop for lawyers, businesspeople, law enforcement, and senior management in public agencies and other organizations.

Ms. Madigan was the lead author of *Harborco*, one of the first scorable multi-party negotiation training simulations in the country. This simulation, which focuses on negotiations surrounding the siting and development of a deep water port, has been named -- consistently -- one of the top two most popular simulations published and distributed by the Harvard Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School every year for the past twenty-five years.

In addition to her work through the Straus Institute, Ms. Madigan independently has conducted mediation, negotiation and conflict management training at law firms, universities, public agencies and companies world-wide.

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**EDUCATION**

J.D.	1988	Harvard Law School, <i>cum laude</i> ; Board of Editors, <i>Harvard Law Review</i> Winner, Best Agreement, <i>Williston Negotiation Competition</i>
M.P.P.	1983	John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
B.A.	1979	Northwestern University, <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , Best Thesis in Economics Award, Governor's Leadership Award

She clerked at major law firms in Boston, Massachusetts, Tokyo, Japan and Sydney, Australia.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

*International Academy of Mediators*, Board of Governors, 2019 – present  
(Distinguished Fellow, 2001 – present)

*Los Angeles County Bar Association*, President's Advisory Committee on Women in the Legal Profession,  
2020

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles

California State Bar

American Bar Association

**PERSONAL**

Ms. Madigan was born and raised in the upper Midwest, attended graduate and law schools on the East Coast, began her mediation career in Massachusetts and Washington, DC and has lived in Los Angeles since 1996.

In addition to spending time with family and friends, she enjoys her dogs, music, hiking, and cross-country-skiing.