

CLAY COGMAN

MEDIATOR

Clay has worked in Judge Phillips' ADR practice since September 2011. He graduated cum laude from Pepperdine University with a B.A. in History in 2006 and earned his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 2011. He is admitted to the State Bars of New York and California.



Clay's experience as a mediator dates to his final year in law school, during which he mediated small claims in the Bronx County Civil Court. As an associate to Judge Phillips, his mediations now regularly include the world's largest and most sophisticated companies. Clay has worked on nearly 300 mediations involving a wide range of complex practice areas including antitrust, class action, multi-district litigation, intellectual property, insurance coverage, derivative, securities, subprime lending, corporate governance, consumer protection, professional liability and contract disputes.

Clay assists Judge Phillips in his ADR efforts before, during and after in-person sessions, and works directly with mediation parties to help them resolve their cases. He has also served as the primary assistant to Judge Phillips on several of his appointments as an arbitrator and as a special master.

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Clay brings to each mediation an in-depth understanding of the legal issues of the matter at hand, achieved through careful preparation and personal contact with the parties. During his time with Phillips ADR, he has gained the trust of the top litigators in the country, and received high praise from counsel and clients alike for his insights and commitment to the needs of mediation participants. Clay understands that each dispute presents unique issues and challenges to be overcome, and thus he approaches mediation with a flexible and strategic mindset.

Clay was born in Washington D.C. and raised in Maryland and Connecticut. He lives in Newport Beach with his wife, daughter and son.