

**Southern California Mediation Association  
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Welcome Cocktail Reception and Dinner - November 2, 2012**

**Roger Wolfson**

Roger Wolfson is a writer in Los Angeles, California, who currently serves as a writer/producer for the USA TV series "Fairly Legal." He has previously written for "Law and Order: SVU," "Saving Grace," "The Closer," and has developed five TV pilots of his own for Sony Studios, Paramount, CBS, and ABC. He has an extensive background in politics, having been Legislative Assistant, Counsel, and/or Speechwriter to Senators Joe Lieberman, John Kerry, Paul Wellstone, and Ted Kennedy.

Wolfson's political experience began shortly after law school, when he began working for Senator Joe Lieberman's Governmental Affairs Subcommittee. One year later, John Kerry made Wolfson the youngest Legislative Assistant he had ever hired, and his first official speechwriter. For Kerry, Wolfson wrote or helped write dozens of speeches, plus the first bill in Congress to outlaw cop-killer bullets, several amendments to the Health Care Reform Act and extensive amendments to the Welfare Reform Act, including the Senate-passed "Kerry Parental Involvement Act" and "Kerry Expanded School Day Act." Wolfson also wrote Kerry's amendments to the Rescissions Bill that successfully restored \$14 million for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services and \$100 million for the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. Wolfson was also in charge of Kerry's successful efforts to win \$90 million of funding for Youthbuild. Wolfson moved on to be a legislative assistant for Senator Paul Wellstone, and was soon elevated to the post of Chief Education Counsel for Wellstone's Labor Subcommittee, making Wolfson a member of the joint staff for both Wellstone and Ted Kennedy.

During the four years Wolfson held this post, he worked on the reauthorization of virtually every major Federal education law - from the \$5 billion Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to the \$12 billion Workforce Investment Act. During consideration of the \$52 billion Higher Education Act alone, Wolfson produced thirteen major amendments to the law. Wolfson also wrote the most extensive child-care bill ever introduced in Congress. By the time Wolfson left the Senate, at the age of 32, he was one of the only staffers ever to have worked full-time for the most prominent Liberal, Moderate, and Conservative members of the Democratic Party. He has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, and AirAmerica, and has lectured to forty different major organizations, bar associations, unions, and think tanks.

Wolfson earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was the Associate Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Comparative Labor Law Journal, his Masters in Writing from Johns Hopkins, and his Bachelors in Theater from Vassar, with highest academic honors. He is a member of the bars of New York, Connecticut, Washington, DC, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

## **Southern California Dispute Resolution Resources**

### **Bar Associations**

Beverly Hills Bar Association – Section on Conflict Resolution  
Website: [http://www.bhba.org/Committees\\_Sections/SCR.htm](http://www.bhba.org/Committees_Sections/SCR.htm)

Orange County Bar Association – Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Address: P.O. Box 6130, Newport Beach, CA 92658  
TEL: (949) 440 – 6700  
E-mail: [info@ocbar.org](mailto:info@ocbar.org)  
Website: <http://www.ocbar.org/>

San Diego Bar Association – Dispute Resolution Section  
Address: 1333 Seventh Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101  
TEL: 619.231.0781  
Website: <http://www.sdcba.org/index.cfm?pg=SALTERCommAbout>

Riverside County Bar Association – Dispute Resolution Service  
Address: 4129 Main Street, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92501  
TEL: 951-682-1015  
FAX: 951-682-0106  
Website: <http://www.riversidecountybar.com/public-services/dispute-resolution-service>

Southern California Mediation Association  
Address: 1430 S. Grand Ave., #256, Glendora, CA 91740  
TEL: 877-9-Mediate  
FAX: 626-974-5439  
Website: <http://www.scmmediation.org/>

### **Law School Programs**

Pepperdine School of Law – Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution  
Address: 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263  
TEL: 310-506-4611  
FAX: 310-506-4266  
Website: <http://law.pepperdine.edu/straus/>

Loyola Law School Center For Conflict Resolution  
Address: 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015  
TEL: 213-736-1145  
FAX: 213-736-1144  
Website: [www.lls.edu/ccr/](http://www.lls.edu/ccr/)

### **Government Dispute Resolution Programs**

Department of Fair Employment and Housing Mediation Division  
Address: 1055 West 7th Street, Suite 1400, Los Angeles, CA 90017  
TEL: (213) 439-6799  
Website: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov/Default.htm>

EEOC Mediation Program

Address: 255 E. Temple Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012

TEL: 213-894-1030

FAX: 213-894-8385

Website: <http://www.eeoc.gov/field/losangeles/mediation.cfm>

County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs Dispute Settlement Services

Address: 500 W. Temple St., Room B-96, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2722

TEL: (213) 974-0825

FAX: (213) 617-1431

Website: <http://dca.lacounty.gov/services.htm#Dispute>

**Non-Profit Dispute Resolution Programs**

***Los Angeles County***

Center For Civic Mediation

Address: 1055 West 7th Street, #2700, Los Angeles, CA 90017

TEL: 213-896-6533

Website: [www.centerforcivicmediation.org](http://www.centerforcivicmediation.org)

The Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Alternative Dispute Resolution Department

Address: 111 North Hill Street, Room 113, Los Angeles, CA 90012

TEL: 213-974-5425

FAX: 213-633-5515

Website: <http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org/adr/UI/INDEX.ASPX>

County Coordinator:

County of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission/ Dispute Resolution Program

Address: 3175 West 6th Street, Room 406, Los Angeles, CA 90020-1798

TEL: (213) 738-2621

FAX: (213) 386-3995

Website: <http://humanrelations.co.la.ca.us/programs/index.htm>

Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center

1145 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90017

TEL: (213) 250-8190

FAX: (213) 250-8195

Website: <http://apadrc.org/>

California Academy of Mediation Professionals

16501 Ventura Blvd., Suite 606, Encino, CA 91436

TEL: (818) 377-7250

FAX: (818) 784-1836

Website: <http://campmediation.org/>

California Lawyers for the Arts

Arts Arbitration and Mediation Services

1641 18th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404  
TEL: (310) 998-5590  
FAX: (310) 998-5594  
Website: <http://www.calawyersforthearts.org/>

Center for Conflict Resolution  
7806 Reseda Blvd., Reseda, CA 91355  
TEL: (818) 705-1090 or (800) 572-9017  
Website: <http://ccr4peace.org/>

Centinela Youth Services, City of Hawthorne  
11539 Hawthorne Blvd., 5th Floor, Hawthorne, CA 90250  
TEL: (310) 970-7702  
FAX: (310) 675-2300  
Website: [www.cys-la.org/](http://www.cys-la.org/)

City of Norwalk, Dispute Resolution Program  
11929 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650  
TEL: (562) 929-5603  
FAX: (562) 929-5515  
Website: <http://tw.ci.norwalk.ca.us/webware/Default.aspx?Message=2440&t=-1>

Inland Valleys Justice Center, Inc.  
415 W. foothill Blvd., #121, Claremont, CA 91711  
TEL: (909) 581-6014  
Website: [www.ivjc.org/](http://www.ivjc.org/)

Korean American Coalition, 4.29  
3727 W. 6th St., Suite 515, Los Angeles, CA  
TEL: (213) 383-4290  
Website: [kacla.org/4-29-dispute-resolution-center](http://kacla.org/4-29-dispute-resolution-center)

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
Dispute Resolution Program  
312 South Hill Street, 2nd Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
TEL: (213) 485-8324  
FAX: (213) 485-8565  
Website: [http://atty.lacity.org/COMMUNITY\\_SERVICES/Dispute\\_Resolution/index.htm](http://atty.lacity.org/COMMUNITY_SERVICES/Dispute_Resolution/index.htm)

### ***Orange County***

Jolie Sheppick Orange County Workforce Investment Board  
OC Community Services/Community Investment Division  
1300 S. Grand Avenue, Building B, 3rd Floor, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
TEL: (714) 480-6423  
FAX: (714) 834-7132  
Website: <http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Community%20Investment%20Division>

Community Service Programs

Dispute Resolution Services  
1821 E. Dyer Road, Suite 200, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
TEL: (949) 975-0244  
FAX: (949) 975-0250  
Website: <http://www.cspinc.org/Dispute%20Resolution>

Dispute Resolution Services  
Orange County Human Relations Council  
1300 S Grand Avenue, Building B, Santa Ana, CA 92705  
TEL: (714) 834-7198  
FAX: (714) 567-7474

### ***Riverside County***

Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.  
Address: 4129 Main Street, Suite 100, Riverside, CA 92501  
TEL: 951-682-2132  
FAX: 951-682-0106  
Website: <http://rcbadrs.org/>

County Coordinator: Elizabeth J. Olson Senior  
Management Analyst Riverside County Executive Office  
Attn: Alternative Dispute Resolution Program  
Address: 4080 Lemon Street, Fourth Floor  
Riverside, CA 92501  
TEL: (951) 955-1125  
FAX: (951) 955-1105  
Website:

Dispute Resolution Center  
Community Action Partnership of Riverside County  
Address: 2038 Iowa Avenue, Suite B102 Riverside, CA 92507  
TEL: (951) 955-4903  
FAX: (951) 955-6506  
Website: <http://www.capriverside.org/opencms/programs/disputeresolution.html>

### ***Ventura County***

Office of the District Attorney, Consumer Mediation Section  
Address: 5720 Ralston Street, Suite 300 Ventura, CA 93003  
TEL: (805) 654-3110  
FAX: (805) 648-9255  
Website:  
[http://da.countyofventura.org/special\\_prosecutions/consumer\\_support/consumer\\_mediation.htm](http://da.countyofventura.org/special_prosecutions/consumer_support/consumer_mediation.htm)

Ventura Center for Dispute Settlement  
Address: 1200 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 170 Camarillo, California 93010  
TEL: (805) 384-1313,  
FAX: (805) 384-1333  
Website: [www.vcds.bz/](http://www.vcds.bz/)

## ***San Diego***

Health and Human Services Agency

Community Action Partnership

Address: 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 446, San Diego, CA 92101

TEL: (619) 338-2002

FAX: (619) 338-2778

Website: [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/sd/community\\_action\\_partnership/](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/sd/community_action_partnership/)

National Conflict Resolution Center

Address: 625 Broadway Street, Suite 1221, San Diego, CA 92101-5419

TEL: (619) 238-2400

FAX: (619) 238-8041

Website: [www.ncrconline.com/](http://www.ncrconline.com/)

North County Lifeline

Address: 200 Michigan Avenue, Vista, CA 92084

TEL: (760) 726-4900

FAX: (760) 631-0778

Website:

<https://211sandiego.communityos.org/sys/profile.taf?profiletype=program&textonly=&recordid=338265&UserReference=AC1E020847192ABFD296399AE1AD5075EF30>

Ventura Center for Dispute Settlement

1200 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 170

Camarillo, CA 93010

TEL: (805) 384-1313

Website: <http://www.vcds.bz/aboutus/contactus.html>