

# Mark B. Baer, Esq.

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“Mark is a graduate of several of my trainings and is an excellent mediator and lawyer. Mark is a forward thinker who truly cares how families will function following a divorce. In many ways he is a poster child for a successful peacemaker.”

— Forrest (Woody) Mosten  
Collaborative Attorney & Mediator

“Mark is bright, energetic and holds himself and others up to a high standard of practice. When I think of a couple needing a divorce lawyer or mediator, I think of Mark.”

— Sam Alibrando  
Senior Consultant/Business Psychologist

“Mark Baer’s knowledge base and work ethic exceed many other professionals I have worked with. Without hesitation, I recommend Mr. Baer!”

— Lydia Glass, Ph.D.  
Psychological & Mediation Services

## Family Law Attorney ♦ Mediator ♦ Collaborative Law Attorney

**ATTORNEY MARK B. BAER** is recognized as a ‘thought leader’ in many areas of Family Law for his provocative and forward-thinking ideas on improving the way in which Family Law is handled. As a former litigator, who advocates the use of mediation and collaborative law whenever possible, Attorney Baer points out the inherent flaws that exist in litigating Family Law matters, then reveals more creative and less destructive approaches. Utilizing his vast array of information and knowledge well beyond the law itself, Mr. Baer provides insight on how the dissolution of familial relationships, as typically practiced, leads to less-than-optimal results, both financially and emotionally. He also highlights the difference between ‘dispute resolution’ and ‘conflict resolution’ to offer simple ways of achieving a better result for all parties involved, including the children.

## Who is Mark Baer?

**FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY MARK B. BAER** uses a unique, integrative approach that utilizes law, psychology, behavioral economics, neuroscience, economics, philosophy, and other disciplines. An advocate of using consensual dispute resolution processes such as mediation and collaborative law whenever possible, Attorney Baer considers the psychological and financial health of the entire family and assists them in navigating the emotional waters of Family Law. He also helps his clients acquire new skills that can strengthen and empower them to better cope with future challenges.

## Legal Services

- ♦ **Couples with Children:** Parenting Plans, Time Sharing Schedules and Child Support.
- ♦ **Marriage:** Pre-marital Agreements, Pre-domestic Partnership Registration Agreements, Conflict Resolution, Legal Separation, and Child Related Issues\*.
- ♦ **Non-Married Couples:** Cohabitation agreements, Conflict Resolution, Paternity, and Child-Related Issues\*.
- ♦ **Divorce:** Mediation (Mediator or Consulting Attorney), Collaborative Divorce Attorney, Spousal Support, Division of Property, and Child-Related Issues\*.
- ♦ **Post Divorce:** Spousal Support and Child-Related Issues\*.

\* Child-Related Issues: Parenting Plans, Time Sharing Schedules and Child Support

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“Mark guided me through the divorce process from beginning to end using an out-of-court process called collaborative law. As an attorney myself, I was unsure about the collaborative process, which tends to be less about the law and more about the parties’ interests. I recommend Mark’s services to anyone looking to complete a contested divorce on amicable terms without the pain and relational damage inherent in an adversarial process.”

— Jonathan Lamb, Attorney

“Mark is a highly-qualified family law attorney, passionate about his work and prompt with his clients. He is creative in assisting his clients to achieve desired results. He helped me in a collaborative divorce process and was consistently available and helpful.”

— David Rhodes, MD

“At our first appointment, Mark expressed to me that he likes to settle out of court rather than have a decision forced by a judge. As a result, my wife and I, with the guidance of our respective attorneys, worked together to reach our own agreement on every aspect of the case and our communication with each other improved immensely. Since we have minor children together, this change benefited us, our children, and the family as a whole. Had I retained an attorney who ‘fought fire with fire,’ the result would have been very different. Divorce is a stressful process and I spoke to Mark several times at my wits end. Mark handled my sometimes emotional outbursts with compassion and professionalism. I am so grateful for what Mark has done for me and I would highly recommend him.”

— Brian Hansen  
Superintendent, CW Driver

“Mr. Baer was extremely professional, knowledgeable and courteous. He came up with a solution to my situation that no other lawyers had come up with and resolved the issue carefully and expediently. I would highly recommend him to others looking for an attorney.”

— Amy Cook, Ph.D., City of Hope

## Accomplishments & Awards

- ◆ **AUTHOR:** “*The Perfect Storm: Lawyer Limitations and the Adversarial Model in Family Law*,” *The American Journal of Family Law*, Winter 2014.
- ◆ **AUTHOR:** “*Inside the Minds: Strategies for Family Law in California*,” 2013 ed., published by Aspatore Books, 2013.
- ◆ **AUTHOR:** “*Navigating the Emotional Waters within Collaborative Family Law*,” *The World of Collaborative Practice* magazine, March 2013.
- ◆ **MONTHLY COLUMNIST:** **San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association** newsletter
- ◆ “**Top Attorney**,” *Pasadena Magazine* 2010–2013.
- ◆ Southern California “**Super Lawyer**” 2012–2014.

In addition, Mr. Baer is well-known on *LinkedIn* for his insightful blogs on trends in Family Law, which have been widely-viewed and reposted on social media, worldwide.

## Past Speaking Engagements

**ATTORNEY MARK B. BAER** is an engaging and provocative speaker on subjects relating to Family Law, mediation and collaborative law. He has given dozens of presentations, including the following topics:

- ◆ ***Navigating the Emotional Currents of Collaborative Law***, Panelist, American Bar Association, Family Law section: Spring CLE Conference, 2013.
- ◆ ***A Comparison of Dispute Resolution Methods Available in Family Law Matters***, Co-Presenter, California Psychological Association Convention, 2013.
- ◆ ***Facilitating Rational Problem-Solving into an Otherwise Destructive Divorce Process***, Co-Presenter, California Psychological Association Convention, 2012.
- ◆ ***Industry Trends and Perspective on the Future of Divorce Practice***, Keynote Speaker, The Divorce Expo, Detroit, Michigan, 2012.
- ◆ ***Are Attorneys and the Legal System Facilitating the Creation of Post-Divorce Functional or Dysfunctional Families?***, Speaker, The Financial Planning Association of the San Gabriel Valley, May 2012.

## Education

CA LICENSE: SBN 152512, June 1991.

JD DEGREE: Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California.

BA DEGREE: UCLA, Major: Economics/Business.

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