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Gisele Goetz is an attorney/mediator with twenty-six years of experience counseling companies, individuals and partnerships on their business disputes. She brings to her mediation practice decades of experience counseling clients involved in litigation, and years of business experience, including experience as general counsel to companies in the water and oil & gas industries.

Ms. Goetz is a believer in the expression "An ounce of mediation is worth a pound of litigation." In her view, as litigation costs escalate and court availability declines, the ability to use mediators and mediation techniques to bring business disputes to a successful resolution is becoming a measure of business acumen on the part of both attorneys and business people. Ms. Goetz focuses her mediation practice on disputes related to:

- 1. general business, commercial and lending transactions,
- 2. real property and land use, and
- 3. water, oil & gas.

Ms. Goetz obtained her law degree from the U.C. Hastings College of the Law in 1985. she was associated for eight years with the international business law firm of O'Melveny & Myers in their business litigation department before spending another eight years as a partner and trial attorney with the Ventura law firm (now) Ferguson, Case, Orr & Paterson LLP. In addition to her mediation practice, she has a private practice counseling oil & gas companies doing business in California.