

# Dr. Penny Clemmons

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Dr. Penny Clemmons has been a licensed psychologist since 1981 and was admitted to the bar in 1994. She became a Certified Family Law Specialist by the State of California in 2003. She brings to Alternative Dispute Resolution a unique view based on her combined psychological and legal expertise. Soon after beginning mediation in 1998 she became a Settlement Master for the Santa Barbara Superior Court and has received a Pro Bono Award every year since 1998.

In addition, she has taken courses at the Strauss Institute. Most recently, she completed courses in Advanced Mediation Strategies and Mediating the Litigated Case.

Penny also enjoys teaching and has been an Adjunct Professor at the Santa Barbara & Ventura Colleges of Law since 1996. Her two areas of interest have been especially significant to her students. She provides a perspective which conveys how to properly utilize psychological experts in the legal realm as well as how to understand the benefits to alternatives to litigation. She has also been nominated to be a member of the State Bar of California's Mandatory Fee Arbitrator Program for the 2013 term.

2013 has started with excitement and accomplishments for Penny, besides becoming a member the State Bar of California's Mandatory Fee Arbitrator Program, in March she authored a book entitled *Survivor* which articulates her journey with colon cancer. The book seeks to compel the reader to be an activist in their own health care with the ultimate goal to prevent unnecessary mortality from colorectal cancer.

In sum, Penny integrates her unique multi- disciplinary perspectives to facilitate the process of mediation.