



Allison McCabe Hardin
Attorney Mediator - Partner

LICENSES HELD

Licensed Attorney, State of California, 2001 - Present

BAR ADMISSIONS

2001 California State Bar

EDUCATION

2001 Juris Doctor
Monterey College of Law, Monterey, CA

1996 Bachelors Degree in Political Science
San Jose State University, San Jose , CA

AWARDS & HONORS

Graduated Top of Class, Monterey College of Law, 2001

Recognition for Volunteer Service to the Community for the Dispute Resolution Program, County of Santa Clara, December 2001 - December 2002

West Publishing Outstanding Academic Achievement, June 2001

Alumni Association Scholarship Award, Monterey College of Law, June 2001

Corpus Juris Secundum for Scholastic Excellence in Criminal Law, 1997 - 1998

Scholarship Recipient granted by the State Bar of CA for Academic Excellence and Volunteer Service, 1998 -1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1999 - Present Attorney Mediator – Partner, 2011 - Present
Divorce Help, California
- Attorney Mediator 2001 - 2011
Divorce Helpline, Santa Cruz, CA
- QDRO Paralegal, 1997 - 2001
Divorce Helpline, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2013 - Present Supervising Attorney
Conflict Resolution Center of Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2013 - Present Co-Founder / Attorney
Smart Legal Solutions, a Non-Profit Corporation, Santa Cruz, CA
- 1988 - 2000 Various employment while attending college and raising children.
- Emphasis on medical and health companies such as working for a Solo Practicing Doctor, Physicians Medical Clinic, LifeSpan and RoseHill.
 - Pediatrics and infectious disease.
 - Home and Facility Health Care for the elderly, parties with mental wellness issues.
 - Hospice for parties with terminal illness.
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant for people with traumatic brain injuries.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Ongoing Annual MCLEs as required to keep State Bar membership active
- 2016 Communication Techniques, 8 hour course
- 2013 Family Law Mediation Training, 40 hour course, CLE certified
- 2008 Advanced Mediation Training, 15 hour course, CLE certified
- 2006 Enneagram & Communication Pathway from Self to Other, 6 hour course
- 2005 Collaborative Training, 16 hour course, CLE certified
- 2003 Parent-Teen/Victim-Offender mediation training. CRC Santa Clara County
- 2002 Diversity and Community Mediation Training, CRC Santa Clara County
- 2001 Mediation Training, 40 hour course, CRC Santa Clara County

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- County Bar Association, Santa Cruz County
- Women Lawyers Santa Cruz County
- Collaborative Practice of Santa Cruz County

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Coach, Recreational Soccer, Santa Cruz, CA, 1997 - 2001

Team Manager, Girls Competitive Soccer Team, Santa Cruz, CA, 2002 - 2009

Volunteer, Little People's Theater, Ben Lomond, 1999 - 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Hardin, Allison. (2014). [Your Legal Divorce vs. Your Real Divorce: Not Quite the Same Thing](#). *Divorce Help*. January 21, 2014.

Hardin, Allison. (2014). [If You Want Your Divorce to be Final in 2014, You Need to Take Action Now](#). *Divorce Help*. June 20, 2014.

Hardin, Allison. (2014). [How Should I Prepare For My Divorce Mediation?](#). *Divorce Help*. February 18, 2014.

Hardin, Allison. (2014). [Keeping California Court Delays from Impacting Your Divorce](#). *Divorce Help*. January 3, 2014.

Hardin, Allison. (2013). [When Legal Separation is Better Than Divorce](#). *Divorce Help*. November 9, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

"*Divorce 101 Workshops*", Co-Presenter, San Jose CA and Santa Cruz, CA, 2008 - 2015.

"*Co-Presenter on QDROS, Pension Evaluations and Divorce Services, Vendor Booth, Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California, CA, 2008.*

"*Divorce and How to Do your Own Divorce in California Book by Ed Sherman*", Co-Presenter for a Convention for Financial Planners, CA, 2005.

"*Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROS) and Retirement Division in the Divorce Process*", Co-Presenter for the Collaborative Group of Certified Financial Planners, Pleasanton, CA, 2004.

SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST / EXPERIENCE

- Addiction and substance abuse and its effects on families
- Same-sex relationships and issues facing the LGBTQIA+ communities
- Advocate for the right to know movement: issues affecting the MPE (misattributed parentage) and fertility fraud communities including efforts to create legislation, education, and awareness to ensure that we all have access to our genetic identity and medical information.