

# Joël Bertet

Construction · Real Estate  
Business · California Employment  
Mediator | Arbitrator

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## RATES

**\$7,500** Half Day  
**\$12,000** Full Day

## EDUCATION

**University of California, Los Angeles**  
1994 B.A. Political Science & Int'l Relations

**Southwestern Univ. School of Law**  
1995 Juris Doctor (J.D.)

**Pepperdine School of Law**  
2024 Mediation Certificate

## LICENSES & AFFILIATIONS

- California Real Estate Broker (2004)
- California General Contractor (2009)
- AAA Construction Panel
- ABA Forum on Construction
- International Academy of Mediators
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Pepperdine Straus Institute
- Texas Construction Law Foundation
- Consumer Attorneys of Los Angeles (CAALA)
- California Employment Lawyers Association (CELA)

## LANGUAGES

English | French | Spanish

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction
- Real Estate
- California Employment
- Business



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## Builder, Business Owner, Former Litigator, **Now Settling Disputes.**

Joël brings something rare to the mediation room: he has lived every side of the disputes he mediates. He has built projects as a licensed General Contractor and closed the deals as a Real Estate Broker. He has founded and run businesses as an entrepreneur. He has litigated. Not just another lawyer with no real-world experience turned mediator — a mediator who understands it first-hand.

Licensed as a California General Contractor since 2009 and a Real Estate Broker since 2004, Joël has led the design, construction, and leasing of a national retail rollout across the United States for a French fashion house. He has developed and sold large residential properties in Los Angeles, and purchased and redeveloped complex foreclosure properties across California. He understands construction and real estate disputes from the job site, the contract negotiation table, and the courtroom.

He co-founded Maison Bertet with his wife Sophie — who runs the business (and Joël) — designing and importing construction materials for clients across the United States and Europe. He founded Morgan de Toi USA, a fashion house that grew to over 200 employees with a national retail presence. He has signed paychecks, run payroll, managed teams, and faced the operational pressures his clients argue about.

Joël's California employment practice draws on his combined business and legal experience. As a member of CAALA and CELA, he holds standing in the California plaintiff bar. As a business owner, he understands the employer's challenges of compliance and team building — and the struggles facing hardworking people in small and large businesses. He mediates wage and hour, wrongful termination, harassment, retaliation, PAGA, and executive separation matters.

Joël mediates construction, real estate, California employment, and complex business disputes nationwide, with emphasis in California and Texas. He is a member of the AAA Construction Panel, the International Academy of Mediators, the ABA Forum on Construction, and the Texas Construction Law Foundation, and a certified mediator through Pepperdine's Straus Institute. In 2026 he was selected as a speaker at the IAM Annual Conference in Boston on AI and the future of mediation.

A fierce competitor off the clock, Joël is a 2× USA National Track Cycling Champion (2012 & 2023), 10× California State Champion, and ranked 6th at the World Championships.

## ALSO MEDIATED

### High-Value Personal Injury

Soft-tissue through catastrophic. Joël's Daily Journal piece "The Song and Dance of Mediating Personal Injury Cases" reflects his expertise.

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