

# TOP NEUTRALS 2008



## John Leo Wagner

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**Affiliation:** Judicate West

**Rate:** \$6,600 a day

**Location:** Los Angeles

**Specialty:** Mediation and arbitration. Intellectual property, construction defect, environmental, mass torts and securities and consumer class actions

**Cases:** During the past year, Wagner settled thousands of lawsuits that had been filed over a six-year period by depositors who lost their savings when a noninsured bank collapsed. He also mediated to settlement a high-stakes, multistate electrical power contract between utilities and contractors; facilitated a global settlement involving four lawsuits by dairy farmers over contaminated cattle feed; settled a construction defect case involving a \$400 million power plant and 160 contract claims; and helped facilitate a settlement in a Voting Rights Act disenfranchisement case involving two large counties, the governor, Legislature, attorney general, state and county bar associations and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

**Background:** Director, Irell & Manella ADR Center Los Angeles; U.S. magistrate judge, Northern District of Oklahoma; litigation partner, Kornfeld & Franklin, Oklahoma City