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TOP NEUTRALS OF 2009

NEUTRALS WITH SPECIALTIES STAND OUT IN CROWD



JEFFREY KRIVIS

AFFILIATION: First Mediation Corp.

LOCATION: Los Angeles

RATE: \$7,000/day; \$3,500/half day

SPECIALTY: Complex commercial; life, health and disability insurance; entertainment, class actions, employment, product liability

RECENT CASES: Krivis stepped into a highly public brawl between two studios over the distribution rights of a graphic novel-based movie, which led to a settlement that finally allowed the \$100 million-dollar production to be released. He helped fashion an emotionally wrought settlement agreement between the families of 14 victims who died in a San Bernardino Mountains mudslide and the church where the incident occurred. Krivis mediated a major personal injury case involving an electrical worker who lost an arm and sustained significant burn injuries while working at a California state university, leading to a \$20 million settlement.

BACKGROUND: Adjunct professor, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law. Founder of Krivis & Passovoy, where he litigated professional liability, business litigation and insurance coverage cases

FACT: He is a blues guitarist who owns the same kind of guitar as B.B. King's Lucille, a 1969 Gibson ES-335, and hopes to one day form a blues band.