

## DIABLO MEDIATION SERVICES

### About Illise M. Schulman

**Mediation Experience:** As a litigation attorney and professional mediator, Ms. Schulman has been helping parties resolve disputes through mediation throughout her twelve-year career. Ms. Schulman's experience spans a wide variety of disputes, including real estate, business and commercial disputes, personal injuries, and insurance matters.

**Training and Education:** Ms. Schulman received a Bachelor of Arts degree with highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1990. She obtained her law degree from the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall School of Law) in 1994. Ms. Schulman received her formal mediation training through the Mediation Offices of Steven Rosenberg, and is an approved mediator with the Congress of Neutrals and the Contra Costa County Superior Court.

**Unique Offerings and Considerations:** Ms. Schulman believes that most people involved in disputes have more interests in common than they know or admit. The adversarial nature of the American system of litigation tends to push litigants into polarized positions, and discourage communication. As mediator, Ms. Schulman seeks to neutralize tension between the parties while encouraging all participants to express their real needs and objectives, so that practical solutions and constructive alternatives can be explored and implemented.

**Professional Career and Organizations:** Ms. Schulman has been a member of the California State Bar for twelve (12) years, and has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of cases, including real estate, business and commercial disputes, personal injury and insurance matters. She has also been involved with various local bar associations in the Bay Area, and is admitted to practice in the federal courts in California. She currently is an associate with Shannon B. Jones Law Group.