

# CHRISTIAN MEDIATIONS

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## Personal Biography

*of Christian Mediator Matthew W. Argue*

I have been trained as a trial lawyer. From 1988 to 2001, I practiced law as a Partner with Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch LLP of San Diego, where my law practice focused on real estate, insurance and construction defect litigation. I received my law degree (Juris Doctorate) from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1989, and graduated cum laude from San Diego State University with an undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1986.

I received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in 1991. I have been involved in lay ministry for over ten years. In 1996, I traveled to Israel with Pastor Ray Bentley and Maranatha Chapel and experienced the power and presence of God like never before. From 1996 to 2001, I ministered at my home church, Maranatha Chapel in Rancho Bernardo, California, as a Home Fellowship Leader, Usher, Wednesday Night Prayer Team, Friday Night Teen Outreach Counselor and Alter Call Counselor at Harvest Crusades and Miles Ahead Ministry Crusades. From 2001-2002, I participated in the "Pastors in Training" program with Pastor Gary Lawton at Maranatha Chapel in Rancho Bernardo, CA. I am happily married for over 10 years to my beautiful wife, Michelle, and am blessed with two healthy, active boys, Luke Matthew and Liam Michael.



In 2001, I withdrew my partnership at the law firm to study the Bible at Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murrieta, California. In 2004, I became a full-time mediator and started my company called Christian Mediations. This company is dedicated to bringing peace and unity within the church by using the Bible as the primary source of wisdom and authority. The goals of this company are to bring healing to parties caught in conflict, to help reconcile parties to God and each other and to encourage parties to grow in godliness and to be conformed to the likeness of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christian Mediations handles all types of cases including disputes involving the church, church members, lawsuits, business and family.

When I started working as a full-time mediator my hope was to be a mediator both for civil lawsuits and disputes in the church. To become a mediator for civil lawsuits, I have taken over 100 hours of mediation training. To prepare for mediation in the church, I have taken over 50 hours of Christian conciliation training at Pepperdine University's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution in Malibu, California and am currently enrolled in the Institute for Christian Conciliation's ("ICC") certification program in Billings, Montana.

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