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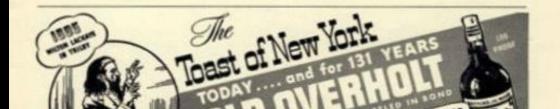
**Group Six** 

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## EGGSTRORDINARY EVENTS

#### CAST

Dennis d'Menaci	Rod Burkley
Peter "The Shark" Allen	Barry Gore
Justin Justice	Evan Koch
Paula Paine	Cynthia Pollock
Donald Able	Mark Miller
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# The "Incident"









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## **BREAKING NEWS**



Paine Speaks Out: *"d'Menaci is just plain eggnorant. I want \$\$\$\$\$ and an apology!"* 

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# The Courtroom

## Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

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## Hon. Justin Justice

Department D30

**Favorite Quote:** 

"Because I said so ... that's why."

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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# Mediation

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and Answers



## 1. DID THE JUDGE

## HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO

## ORDER THE PARTIES TO

## ATTEND AND PAY FOR

## MEDIATION?

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### **CERTIFIED FOR PUBLICATION**

## COURT OF APPEAL - FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT DIVISION ONE

### STATE OF CALIFORNIA



D048782

(San Diego County Super. Ct. No. GIC834640)

PETITION for a writ of mandate challenging an order of the Superior Court of San

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COURT OF APPEAL - FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT DIVISION ONE

"The essence of mediation is its voluntariness.... While trial courts may try to cajole the parties ... into ... mediation..., parties cannot be forced or coerced over the threat of sanctions into attending and paying for private mediation as this is antithetical to the entire concept of mediation." Jeld-Wen, 146 CA4 536

Real Parties in Interest.

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2. WAS IT PROPER TO THREATEN WEEKLY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES TO PERSUADE THE PARTIES TO MEDIATE?

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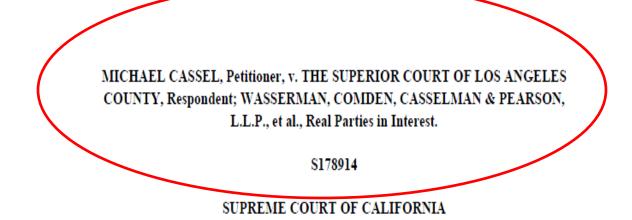
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3. DOES PAINE HAVE A 1 T T MALPRACTICE CLAIM -0 -0 -0 -0 AGAINST THE SHARK FOR 1 HIS THREAT TO WITHDRAW -9 AS COUNSEL? -



51 Cal. 4th 113; 244 P.3d 1080; 119 Cal. Rptr. 3d 437; 2011 Cal. LEXIS 2

#### January 13, 2011, Filed

SUBSEQUENT HISTORY: Reported at Michael v. S.C. Wasserman, 2011 Cal. LEXIS 501 (Cal., Jan. 14, 2011)

#### PRIOR-HISTORY:

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## "All oral or written communications are covered, if they are made 'for the purpose of' or 'pursuant to' a mediation." <u>Cassel</u>, 51 C.4th 113

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"It follows that, absent an express statutory exception, all discussions conducted in preparation for a mediation, as well as all mediation-related communications that take place during the mediation itself, are protected from disclosure."

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4. COULD THE STATE BAR MAINTAIN DISCI-PLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE SHARK?

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Personal and Confidential

RE:	Respondent: Case No.:	
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With respect to your allegations concerning conduct at the mediation, pursuant to Evidence Code section 1119(a), statements at the mediation are inadmissible in a

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5. IS THE SHARK'S CONDUCT IN THREATEN-ING PAINE PROTECTED 111 BY CASSEL? 

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"Judicial construction, and judicially crafted exceptions, are permitted only where due process is implicated or where literal construction would produce absurd results."

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6. DOES CASSEL PROTECT THE SHARK'S DISCLOSURE OF PAINE'S CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNI-CATIONS?

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7. WHAT SHOULD MEETINMIDDLE HAVE DONE IN LIGHT OF THE 1 -0 -0 -0 -0 SHARK'S CONDUCT?



## INN OF COURT

## MEDIATION: AN ETHICAL "NO MAN'S LAND"

Presented by

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