

Sally Shushan has been a private civil mediator and legal consultant since August 2016. Prior to that she served as United States Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans from February 1999 to July 2016. She handled a civil docket conducting consent bench and jury trials; ruling on discovery motions; case management; acting as the initial judicial officer on habeas, social security, 42 U.S.C. sec. 1983 and Title VII cases; and conducting mediation as the alternative dispute resolution arm of the district court. She successfully worked to resolve hundreds of lawsuits including every variety of business, commercial, insurance and contract disputes, maritime/admiralty, and products liability matters.

Judge Shushan was assigned to the multi-district litigation Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon," 10-MD-2179, which spanned 6 years. Her involvement included handling all discovery including the planning and conduct of over 300 depositions and overseeing electronic production of millions of documents. She conducted weekly status conferences with dozens of attorneys. She helped to spur the settlement of all economic claims against BP resulting in a class action settlement. She supervised the Court Supervised Settlement Program to administer the BP economic class settlement and helped lead the efforts to successfully settle the claims of the United States, the five Gulf States and local governmental entities against BP, as well as the claims for punitive damages against Transocean and Halliburton resulting in a second class action settlement.

Judge Shushan earned her Juris Doctor at Loyola School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana in 1981. She was a member of Law Review, received the Outstanding Casenote Award and was named the Outstanding Law Review Senior. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Newcomb College, New Orleans, Louisiana in 1972.

She is a founding member and board member of the Lafayette Square Conservancy and a member of the boards of The New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Institute and The Audubon Commission.