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Suzanne V. Chamberlain is a principal of Chamberlain and Viau, a professional law corporation. Providing mediation services in connection with her active law practice, she has over thirty years of experience representing individuals and entities in a variety of matters involving business, commercial, employment, and real estate issues. Suzanne received her J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, and her B.A. from the University of California, Irvine.

In 2000, upon completing formal mediator training meeting the requirements of the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act, Suzanne began serving as a mediator in the Orange County Superior Court small claims mediation program, attaining the designation "Senior Mediator." In 2004, she began her service on the Arbitration and Mediation Administration Committee of the Orange County Superior Court, where she worked to revive the judicial arbitration program, and design and develop the programs and panels for early neutral evaluation and for mediation. She is consistently re-appointed as a mediator for the United States District Court, Central District of California, and serves on the respective mediation panels of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District; the Orange County Superior Court; and the Riverside County Superior Court.

Active in service to the legal community, her activities include completion of two three-year terms as a Director of the Orange County Bar Association, the founding of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the OCBA and service as Section chair for years 2004 and 2005, and active involvement with the Administration of Justice Committee of the OCBA where she reviews and comments principally on proposed rules and laws affecting ADR. She serves as a temporary judge of the Orange County Superior Court, having been appointed in 2008, and currently handles Mandatory Settlement Conferences for the court. In 2014, Suzanne was presented with the OCBA's Scoville Award which recognizes those whose careers exemplify the highest standards of the legal profession and who champion our constitutional system of justice.